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OUTLINES.

The French liner La Champagne broke her shaft February 17th and anchored on the Newfoundland banks; all well on board; a boat with a crew of nine men sent for assistance, was picked up by the steamer Rotterdam February 24th and taken to New York. —The U. S. monitor Terror left Old Point yesterday afternoon for New York. ——The Senate will vote Monday on the right of Henry W. Corbett to a seat from the State of Oregon. —— In the House the Sundry Civil Appropriation bill was again under consideration; a resolution censuring Minister Woodford for banqueting the Spanish cabinet while the country was mourning the loss of life by the Maine was ruled out on a point of order. —— The Navy Department at Washington had heard nothing up to last night of the Court of Inquiry and its plans; telegram from Sigsbee said arrangements had been made to send bodies in sealed zinc cases to Key West for burial. —— Some fifty bodies are believed to be still in the wreck of the Maine. —— Two editors in Paris fought a duel about the Zola affair; no one hurt. —— The *World's* Havana correspondent says the proof is absolute that the big magazine on the Maine is unexploded. ——Seven lives lost in a fearful fire at Charleston, S. C. — Another big expedition in aid of the insurgents has landed in Cuba. — The rumored movement of troops to Key West lacks confirmation; only nominal forces are there now. —— An unsuccessful attempt was made yesterday to assassinate King George of Greece. —— Explosions in Kalamazoo, Mich., during a fire, buried firemen and spectators under falling walls; six dead men have been take out and many injured persons. —New York markets: Money on call firm at 2 per cent., last loan at 2 per cent.; cotton quiet—middling uplands 6 5-16c; flour was quiet and lower to sell; wheat—spot easy, No. 2 red $1.05½; corn—spot easy, No. 2 36½c; rosin—strained, common to good $1.40 @1.45; spirits turpentine firm at 35@ 35½c.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 26.

Temperature: 8 A.M., 34 deg.; 8 P.M., 43 deg.; maximum, 52 deg.; minimum, 34 deg.; mean, 43 deg.

Rainfall for the day, 00; rainfall since 1st of month up to date, 2.97.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

Threatening weather and probably light rain; variable winds, becoming easterly.

Port Almanac---February 27.

Sun Rises	6.37 A. M.
Sun Sets	5.51 P. M.
Day's Length	11 H. 14 M.
High Water at Southport	12.20 A. M.
High Water, Wilmington	2.00 A. M.

A New York woman's society has adopted the five minute-rule for speeches. It wants to give 'em all a chance.

The people of Iowa are enjoying comparatively quiet nights now. Some sort of epidemic is carrying off the cats.

Congressman Cowherd says he once had an ambition to be a circus clown, but see what he has come to. If he had followed his youthful aspiration he might have achieved fame.

We do not know what is thought of it in Europe, but the unanimous sentiment in this country is that France has disgraced herself by the conviction and punishment of Emile Zola.

A New York theosophist rises to inform us the first 5,000 years of the iron age is about to close, but that ye are to have 15,000 years more of it before the "silver age" comes in. Pshaw, he can't put us off that way.

The Wall street bankers have assured the Government that it can have $100,000,000 in forty eight hours, on a 4 per cent. thirty-year bond at 104. This is a loyal hyphenating of patriotism and business, keeping the per cent. in view.

Notwithstanding the alleged rottenness in the municipal Government of Philadelphia there were 60,000 fewer votes cast at the late election than in the Presidential election. But there wasn't such a big campaign fund to persuade voters to go the polls.

The author of "The Love Affairs of Some Famous Men," says: "Shakespeare, Milton, Dante and Byron are not easily to be surpassed as poets, but as husbands they didn't amount to much." But he shouldn't forget that "poets are born," while husbands are made.

Some of the friends of the Western hog complain that cotton seed is knocking him out and that the hog-raising industry has fallen off 33 per cent. within ten years in consequence of the large amount of cotton seed oil used as a substitute for lard. We have no disposition to hog it, but we may incidentally remark that the cotton seed has not yet fairly begun to assert itself.

Amid the divers rumors of war on both hemispheres a soothing North Dakota prophet emerges from the sulphurous surroundings to declare that he sees "the dove of universal peace hovering in the air." He had better not say too much about it or some of those fellows who are red hot to get a pop at the Spaniards may go out there and shoot it.

Footpads will henceforth give Capt. Bronson of the Salvation Army, the undisputed right of way. A couple of them undertook to hold him up a few nights ago in the town of Hazelton, Pa., when he knocked one of them down and the other lit out without bidding him good evening.

They haven't entirely got through with the Dreyfus racket in Paris, we do not know who is going to be the outcome of making Mr. Makenfuss president of that St. Louis baseball team, and now that Chicago *News* announces that Mr. Beilfuss will be returned to the city council. Well surely these are fussy times.

There is an old centenarian law in Pennsylvania which punishes swearing with a fine. This old law was resurrected the other day in one of the townships, against one of the school directors, and the school is $4.02 richer, the amount assessed for six swears.

Dr. Alonzo Monk, a Chattanooga minister, has declared war against dancing, especially at charity balls, for which he has no charity, and is raising a sensation among members of his flock who do not think he should monkey with these things.

The "yellow journal" is not such new thing after all. There is one in Pekin, China, which was established 900 years before the Christian era. It has changed hands several times, but is still the same yellow journal, printed on yellow paper.

Hon. John Sherman is pretty generally conceded to be a misfit as Secretary of State. About the only thing he ever tried in which he was not a misfit was when playing stool pigeon for European money lenders and bondholders.

A New York evangelist gets so mad when people go out before the close of his meetings that he tells them to "go and be damned." Force of early habit, perhaps, when he wasn't over particular as to his way of emphasizing.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

E. F. Johnson—Notice.
W. B. Cooper—Coffee.
D. O'Connor—For rent.
Palace Bakery—Bananas.
King Grocery Co.—Coffee.
Sam'l Bear, Sr.—Tobacco.
Hotel Stewart—Goldsboro.
F. H. Stedman—Insurance.
A. Prempert—Still another.
Myers & Lewis—Stationery.
Y. M. C. A.—Gilbert Walden.
Opera House—"A Night Off."
R. R. Bellamy—New crop seed.
J.W.Sneeden—Admin's notice.
J. J. Shepard—Carpets must go.
Continental Ins. Co.—Statement.
In time of peace prepare for war.
S. W. Sanders—Knotty problem.
Welsbach Light Co.—$100 reward.
Vollers & Hashagen—Cuban blossom
Atlantic Na'l Bank-Capital $125,000.
W. A. Riach—Stenographer wanted.
C. W. Polvogt Co.—Discount sale.
Wilmington Savings & Trust Co.—Nine rich men.
Wm. E. Worth & Co.—Getting breakfast ready.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Wanted—Reliable man.
M. C. Benson—Com'n merchant.
P. H. Hayden—Buggies, harness.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. A. S. Lee and wife, of Dunn, are in the city.

— Mr. J. W. Andrews, of Robesonville, was here yesterday.

— Mr. E. B. Bleas, of Winston, arrived in the city yesterday.

— Mrs. T. B. Hyman, of Newbern, arrived in the city yesterday.

— Miss Mary E. Morton has been attending the Teachers' meeting at Burgaw.

— The STAR learns with regret of the serious illness of Mrs. P. V. Alderman.

— Mr. H. L. Fentress has returned to the city after an absence of several days.

— Mrs. Hiram Moore, who has been very sick several days, was reported no better yesterday.

— Mrs. Haywood Clark and two children, arrived here yesterday from Portsmouth and are stopping at the Orton.

— Miss Margaret Hadley, one of Wilson's charming society belles, is in the city visiting Mrs. W. A. French, Jr.

— Miss Bessie H. Horton, of Charlotte, passed through the city yesterday en route for Newbern to attend the fair.

— Mr. F. A. Bissinger left last night for New York and other Northern cities to purchase a Spring stock for the C. W. Polvogt Company.

LOCAL DOTS.

— See fourth page for other new advertisements.

— Seven marriage licenses were issued during the past week. All were for colored couples.

— Mrs. J. W. Barnes has recently moved into her handsome new residence on Market street, between Ninth and Tenth.

— Everybody is invited to attend the special divine service for men at Fifth Street Methodist Church tonight; ladies as well as gentlemen.

— Justice R. H. Bunting continues so indisposed as to be unable to attend to the duties of his office. He is still confined to his home, but not seriously sick.

— The trial of Tom Lucas, for assault and battery with a deadly weapon, has been set for Monday evening at 5 o'clock before Justice J. M. McGowan.

— The STAR extends thanks to Mr. Oscar R. Peterson, agent, for a handsome calendar and booklet descriptive of the Smith Premier No. 2 type writer.

— The regular monthly meeting of the Benevolent Society will be held next Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The meeting will be held at the Catherine Kennedy Home.

— Mr. L. H. Bryan, Superintendent of Streets, has a force of hands opening and grading a new street between Dock and Market streets. It will form a section of Fourteenth street.

— The STAR'S Fashion plate today shows a most becomingly designed gown, with pointed flounce. It is accompanied with an elaborate description, which will be pleasant reading to the ladies.

— The committee from the Wilmington Gun Club, to solicit subscriptions to make up the purses for the interstate shoot, got to work yesterday and began a thorough canvass of the business men.

— Luke Graddy, colored, was arraigned before Justice McGowan yesterday on the charge of abandonment; but his wife came into court and stated that she could not make out her case and paid the costs.

— Mr. B. S. Shepard, of Garland, a visitor at the STAR office, reports the forest fires in his section much more destructive than generally supposed, entailing much loss, on timber and turpentine operators especially.

— Capt. W. E. Craighill, of the United States Engineer office, will reside in Wilmington hereafter. Previously he made Southport his home. He will occupy the house on Orange street formerly occupied by Mr. H. A. Whiting.

— Mr. F. A. Montgomery, who for four years has filled the position of janitor of the Custom House with great satisfaction to all persons concerned, will end his term with the beginning of the new administration on March 1st.

— Dr. W. H. McMillan and Justices McGowan and Bornemann constituted a commission de lunatico enquirendo which pronounced Henrietta Cooper, colored, insane, and ordered her sent to the Goldsboro Asylum.

— That hen at police headquarquarters was identified yesterday morning by Martha Scott, colored. Lieutenant Bender says she described it to a "gnat's heel." Warrants have been issued for the arrest of two boys, whom she says came to her house and stole the chicken in broad daylight.

— The pleasant social given at the home of Mrs. Laura Alderman Friday night netted the ladies of Bladen Street Methodist Church about $12, which will be used in purchasing a new carpet for the church. They now have about enough cash on hand to pay for the carpet.

— The STAR again directs attention to the special A. C. L. train to the Newbern Fair, which leaves this city Wednesday morning, March 2d, at 7:40 o'clock, and returns at 8 P. M. The train goes by way of the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad, and the round trip will cost $2.40. It arrives at Newbern at 10:45 A. M. and leaves at 4:50 P. M.

— It is a notable fact that of the 21 alarms of fire turned in thus far for the month of February it has been necessary for Steam Fire Engine No. 1 to turn water into her hose only once. The fires have all been extinguished by the Chemical engine, with the aid of the Hook and Ladder boys and others. All the fires have been "nipped in the bud," so to express it.

— Some of our esteemed contemporaries seem to think that the Charlotte *Observer* is the only State daily that had an account of the disaster to the *Maine* the morning after it occurred. The STAR, however, has an indistinct recollection that it printed, as early as any other newspaper in the United States, a pretty full story of the affair. It was two feet long, by actual measurement.

Remains Left Tampa Last Night.

Mr. Joseph Craig received telegrams yesterday announcing that the remains of his brother, Mr. George Craig, who accidentally shot and killed himself Friday morning, would leave Tampa last night for Wilmington. Mr. John H. Craig, of Elberton, Ga., a brother of the deceased, will arrive this evening to attend the funeral. The remains will arrive at 9.30 o'clock tomorrow morning and the funeral will take place at 4 o'clock the same afternoon.

Y. M. C. ASSOCIATION.

Mass Meeting of Members and Friends This Afternoon At Five O'Clock.

SERVICES THIS MORNING.

The State Secretary's Tour in the Interest of the Convention to be Held in March Next at Atlanta.

The State Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, Mr. Wm. M. Lewis, arrived in the city last night and is the guest of Mr. W. H. Sprunt, corner of Grace and Third streets.

As announced in yesterday's STAR, he will to-day conduct the 10 o'clock Bible Class exercises, and this afternoon at 5 o'clock address a mass meeting of all members and friends of the Association, who are urged to assemble in the auditorium at that hour. Secretary Diggs, aided by the Devotional Committee, is preparing an attractive programme for the occasion.

Mr. Lewis will remain in Wilmington over Monday and goes from here to Maxton. He is making a tour of the State just now in the interest of the twenty-second annual State convention of the Y. M. C. A., which, as has been heretofore announced in the STAR, convenes at Asheville on March 10th, continuing until the 13th.

Mr. Lewis reports that quite a number of the foremost Y. M. C. A. workers of the country are to be in attendance and participate prominently in the programme. However, well known workers of this State are also booked for active participation.

General Secretary Diggs has consented to deliver an address on the morning of March 11th. His theme will be "Recent Progress in Bible Work." Then again on Friday afternoon he is booked for another address from 3.45 to 5 o'clock. The subject of this is to be "Puzzling Problems."

All the sessions of the coming convention are to be held in the First Presbyterian Church and the music is to be under the direction of Rev. James A. Dorritee and Prof. G. P. McCoy.

Possibly some of the most prominent men from without the State who are to figure in the programme are Geo. A. Hall, State secretary of New York; Rev. R. R. Swope, D. D., of Baltimore; H. P. Anderson, secretary of International Committee; Rev. John A. McKomy, Knoxville, Tenn.

The Association here has not yet appointed delegates to the convention.

Acknowledgement.

The Benevolent Society extends grateful thanks to the following friends for contributions during the past month, and calls attention to next Tuesday as being the regular visiting day at the Catherine Kennedy Home:

Mrs. H. F. Wilder, Mrs. C. W. Yates, Mrs. Phil Pearsall, Mrs. Dr. Carmichael, Mrs. R. J. Bunting, Col. Wm. L. DeRossett, Mrs. W. H. Turlington, Mrs. King, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. E. VanLaer, Miss L. E. Smith, Mrs. Baggs, Mrs. Philyaw, Miss Louise Harlowe, Mrs. Roger Moore, Mr. Wm. Hayes, Mr. J. F. Garrell, Mrs. J. L. Cantwell, Mrs. B. F. Hall, a friend, Mrs. Mahn, Mrs. L. E. Davis, Mrs. Albright, Miss Maggie Hankins, Mrs. V. Hall, Mrs. Humphreys, Mrs. E. Peschau, Mrs. J. B. Huggins, Mrs. Whitted, Miss F. H. Watters, Mrs. Dingelhoef, Mrs. Fennell, Mrs. Bates, Mrs. R. J. Powers, Mrs. W. R. French, Mrs. Harris Northrop, Mrs. Melton.

For the Klondike.

Mr. Edgar Bear will leave to-morrow afternoon for the Klondike region. He will go first to New Orleans, from there to San Francisco, and thence to Seattle. Here he will purchase his outfit for the perilous trip into the frozen regions. After fitting out at Seattle, he will go to Sitka, thence to Juneau when he will be ready for the 1500 mile trip to Klondike proper. The STAR joins his friends in hoping that he will find quantities of Klondike gold.

Superintendent of Health's Report.

The records of Dr. McMillan, as Superintendent of Health, show seven deaths during the past week, four white and three colored. Each person died of a different disease, as follows: Continued Fever, Apoplexy, Bright's Disease, Cardiac Dropsy, Stricture of Urethea, Tuberculous and Pneumonia. During the week there were two quarantines against Scarlet Fever and one against Dyphtheria. There were eight births, three whites and five colored.

Wilmington Has a Hypnotist.

Young Milton Breckinridge, the little son of Mr. J. L. Breckinridge, has developed real hypnotic powers. Several persons have been placed under the mysterious influence by him and can testify to his uncommon ability. For several nights last week he gave private entertainments, succeeding on almost every subject.

The Damage Slight.

The alarm of fire yesterday at 8.05 A. M. from box 45 was occasioned by the igniting of the shingle roof from a spark from the chimney at the residence of Mr. W. B. Berry. Only a few shingles were burned off and the damage is about $5.00. The house is owned by Charles W. McClammy and the loss is fully covered by insurance.

"The Meanest Man in Town."

This will be the subject of Rev. J. W. Kramer's sermon at Brooklyn Baptist Church tonight. The sermon is one of a series that Pastor Kramer is preparing on special subjects. Some time later he will speak on "The Meanest Woman in Town."

"A NIGHT OFF"

Will be the Attraction To-morrow Evening at the Opera House.

On to-morrow night, the 28th, Mr. Augustin Daly's comedy, "A Night Off," will be given at the Opera House, and Manager Schloss offers this as one of the greatest treats of the season. Mr. Daly has achieved a huge reputation as both an author and manager and in "A Night Off" he has produced a comedy that is worthy of, and receives the warmest praise wherever it is presented. Not only is the story bright and original, but its comedy is fast and furious from beginning to end, happening in a most consistent and natural way. The *Evening Telegram*, of Newport News, Va., in speaking of the performance given in in that city last Tuesday says: "Perhaps the most 'all round' talented company which has appeared at the Opera House since Manager Booker assumed control, played 'A Night Off' last evening to a large and appreciative audience." The company comes to Wilmington with the full endorsement of the press wherever it has appeared, and among the personnel are some well known people in theatrical circles, prominent among whom are Thomas McGrath, Percy Bowles, Edith Totten, May Haines, Grace Vaughan, Edna Lansing, W. C. Andrews, James McCurdy, George Sprague and F. Runnels. The box sheet opened at Gerken's yesterday morning.

GILBERT WALDEN.

The Famous Southern Elocutionist Will Appear Next Friday.

Gilbert Walden, the Southern humorist and elocutionist, who will be at the Y. M. C. A. next Friday night under the auspices of the Epworth League of Grace M. E. Church, is one of the most widely known entertainers in the country, having given over 2,000 entertainments throughout the Union. Excellent in everything that he undertakes, he is at his best in the thrilling scenes of the war and the Wild West, the dramatic races of Tennessee, and the humorist and pathetic stories of the cotton field.

The New York *World* says of him: The Famous Southern Elocutionist appeared at the Association Hall last night. His voice is deep and powerful, while continuous laughter greeted his humorous selections. His wonderful renditoin of the "BELLS" and his Southern stories were the features of his excellent entertainment.

A Strange Visitor.

Mr. T. G. Landen, who resides at No. 506 South Fifth street, had an unusual experience last Friday night between 11 and 12 o'clock. He was awakened by a noise on the front piazza of his house. He got up, lighted a lamp and looked out through the blinds. A clothes basket had been left at the doorway, and Mr. Landen heard issuing from the basket the cries of an infant. On the sidewalk a few steps off he saw a figure which he took to be a man dressed in woman's clothes. Not wishing to assume the responsibility of rearing a fondling unless it was absolutely necessary, Mr. Landen turned down his light and went to bed again. In about fifteen minutes the unknown person came up and took the basket, leaving it probably at some other place afterwards.

Death of Mr. Jas. M. Lanier.

The STAR announces with sorrow the death of Mr. James M. Lanier, who passed away at his residence, No. 1313 North Fourth street, at 12.45 o'clock yesterday morning. He had been ill for three days with pneumonia.

Deceased had been for some time custodian of the plant of the Peregoy Lumber Company and discharged his duties in this capacity and as a citizen in such a way as to command the respect and esteeem of those who knew him. He is survived by his wife and four children. The funeral will take place at 2 o'clock this afternoon from the residence and will be conducted by Rev. J. W. Kramer.

Blue Mountain Joe to Leave.

Instead of having a trial of the case against Dr. Blue Mountain Joe for conducting his show without paying a license to-morrow at 10 o'clock, he has now waived examination and the case goes from Justice Fowler's court to the New Hanover Criminal Court for a hearing at the March term.

In the meantime Dr. Blue Mountain Joe must pay the sheriff a tax of $6 each day that he is here. He paid the tax Friday and yesterday. He makes the payments under protest.

Blue Mountain Joe announces that he will leave here early this week for Charlotte, where he will show for some time if he meets with good encouragement.

Rev. W. B. Oliver's Trip.

Rev. W. B. Oliver leaves Wilmington to-morrow for an absence of three weeks. He goes first to Drake's Branch with Mrs. Oliver and the children. He will also visit Mt. Olive and Richmond, making a pleasure excursion to Cincinnati. Altogether he will be away about twenty days. Next Sunday his pulpit at the First Baptist Church will be occupied by Rev. J. J. Douglass, of Clinton, and on the Sabbath following by Rev. J. T. Betts, of Whiteville. Rev. Mr. Oliver expects to reach Wilmington in time to conduct services himself on the third Sunday.

"Henry Christian" Becomes "Navassa."

The steam tug *Henry Christian* doesn't exist any longer, the name having been changed to Navassa. The change was under authority given by the Commissioner of Navigation of the United States and notice that would it be made was given thirty days in advance according to the law. The vessel it been practically rebuilt since the Navassa Guano Company purchased her and is now one of the staunchest crafts in the harbor.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

St. Matthews' English Lutheran Church, Fourth street, above Bladen street, Rev. G. D. Bernheim, pastor, morning service at 11:00 o'clock. No service at night. Sunday school at 9:30 o'clock A. M. All seats free, and every person cordially invited.

The regular services at the Seamen's Bethel will be conducted to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. W. B. Oliver. Seamen and river men are especially invited. All welcome.

Services in St. John's Church today, (first Sunday in Lent) by the rector, Rev. Dr. Carmichael, at 7.50 and 11 A. M. and 5 P. M. Sunday school 3.30 P. M.

First Presbyterian Church. Divine service at 11 A. M. by Rev. Joseph R. Wilson, D. D. No service in the Church at night. Young people's prayer meeting at 8 P. M. in the Primary Room. Sunday school at 3.30 P. M. Prayer-meeting on Thursdays at 8 P. M. Seats free.

St. James Church: First Sunday in Lent. Services at 11 A. M., the Litany, sermon, the holy communion. At 5 P. M., missionary services' evening prayer and sermon. Sunday school at 3.45 P. M. Services during the week—Monday, 5 P. M.; Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, 7.30 A. M. and 5. P. M; nesday, "Quiet Day," service, and address, 10 A. M. to 1 P. M., and 5 P. M., Friday, 11 A. M. and 5 P. M. Public cordially invited.

St. Thomas' Church: First Mass and holy Communion 7. A. M. Last mass and sermon 10.30. A. M. Vespers, sermon "Temptation of Christ," 7.45 P. M.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church: English services at 7.30 P. M., by the Rev. G. D. Bernheim. No services in the morning.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, corner Fourth and Campbell streets, Rev. Alex. D. McClure pastor. Sabbath services at 11 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Junior Y. P. S. C. E. 10 A. M.; Senior Y. P. S. C. E. 6.45 P. M. Sabbath school at 3.30 P. M. Prayer and Praise Wednesday at 8 P. M. All welcome. Seats free.

MATTERS IN PENDER.

Educational Convention at Burgaw—Religious Revival.

A correspondent of the STAR, writing from Burgaw yesterday, says:

The Educational Convention assembled here this morning, with the president, Rev. J. S. Thomas, in the chair and Mr. T. H. McIntyre acting as secretary. A number of teachers and others from Pender and Duplin counties were present. Addresses were delivered by Rev. J. Stanly Thomas, Mr. Paddison and Rev. P. C. Morton on the improvement of morals and manners in pupils. State Superintendent Mebane was prevented from coming. Mr. Thomas is doing a great work for education and is displaying rare energy, tact and judgment. He has been called to the pastorate of Hopewell Presbyterian Church.

The strawberry crop thus far is doing well and a large crop is expected if severe frosts do not come later.

The revival meetings in this neighborhood, conducted by Rev. P. C. Morton, of Wilmington, have been attended by large crowds night and day and a number have joined the church. He returns to his labors for to-morrow.

The Concert Last Night.

The Arion-Cooke Combination Concert Company gave another pleasing entertainment in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium last night. The programme rendered was pronounced by those who attended fully as enjoyable as their Star course programme of the evening before. The Arion-Cooke Combination is one of the best attractions yet presented in the 1897 Star course of entertainments.

The next attraction of the course will be Dr. Robt. Monroe, who will lecture March 8th on "Dr. Jeykill and Mr. Hyde."

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

W. & W. Railroad—133 bales cotton, 11 bbls tar.

W., C. & A. Railroad—144 bales cotton, 1 bbl spirits turpentine, 68 bbls rosin, 11 bbls tar.

Carolina Central Railroad—1 bale cotton, 2 bbls spirits turpentine, 19 bbls rosin, 18 bbls tar.

C. F. & Y. V. Railroad—26 bales cotton, 21 casks spirits turpentine, 238 bbls rosin, 123 bbls tar.

Total—Cotton, 304 bales; spirits turpentine, 24 casks; rosin, 325 bbls; tar, 163 bbls.

Investment Company.

The Wilmington Investment Company held a brief meeting last night at the City Hall, and the president, Mr. B. H. Marshall, was at his post. The committee on by-laws and constitution, composed of Messrs. R. H. Cowan, B. H. Marshall, and W. P. Oldham, Jr., made its report. Mr. Sam J. Springer was added to the Board of Directors. There was no further business and the meeting adjourned.

Vegetable Market in Philadelphia.

Florida and North Carolina vegetables sold Friday in Philadelphia as follows:

Florida cucumbers, per crate, $5@8; do. string beans, per crate, $4@7; do. squash, per crate, $2@2.25; do. tomatoes, per carrier crate, $1.50@2.50; do. egg plant, per barrel, $7@10; do. do. per orange box, $4@6; Norfolk kale, per barrel; 50@60c. do. spinach, per barrel, $2@2.25; lettuce, N. C., per barrel, $2@3; do. Florida, per half-barrel basket, $1.25@1.50; Florida beets, per bunch, 4@7c.

Arrival of Vessels Yesterday.

The schooner *Ira B. Ellems*, Capt. Marston, from New York, with coal for J. A. Springer & Co., arrived in port yesterday, consigned to George Harriss, Son & Co. The schooner *Sarah D. J. Lawson*, Capt. French, from New York, also had coal for Springer & Co., and was consigned to Jas. T. Riley & Co.

To City Subscribers.

City subscribers are earnestly requested to report promptly at the STAR office every failure of the carriers to deliver their papers. In all such cases steps will be taken to insure prompt and regular delivery.

THE SITUATION IS VERY GRAVE.

Conservative Congressmen Fear That There May Be War With Spain.

BUSINESS MEN ARE ANXIOUS.

Administration Is Silent—No One Informed As to What Its Intentions May Be—Republican Members Kept in Easy Call.

[*Special to the Baltimore Sun.*]

WASHINGTON, February 25.—In the last few days more than the usual number of prominent men in business circles have come to Washington, anxious to discover for themselves the exact condition of affairs, and if necessary to set their houses in order. They are from the great cities of both the East and the West. They report among their people a wonderful unanimity in the belief of Spanish treachery, and if this is sustained, a demand for the promptest and most summary measures. Radiating, therefore, from the political capital of the country, the current of sentiment blows the same in every commercial centre.

It is argued that no reason exist, even if hostilities come, for the decline in stocks, but notwithstanding this, it is not only the extra prudent and the speculators who are unloading. It transpired to-day that grain exporters had in several instances held up shipments, and for the sake of caution would, until the situation completely cleared, trust only to foreign bottoms.

Think Trouble Is Coming.

To-night several of the most conservative members of Congress, who have heretofore abstained from any comment, ventured the opinion that tronble was coming. It was said the Secretary of the Navy was almost broken down by the strain upon his nerves and the President showed visible effects of the feeling produced by the responsibility cast upon him. Yet, it is still the fact that with the possible exception of the President and his cabinet, who may have some advance hint of what is to come, there is up to this moment nothing but hearsay to base opinion upon and not an iota of authoritative intelligence. But it is in the air, and every one is confident that when official conclusions are given out they will confirm popular belief.

A very strong evidence of the gravity of the situation is shown in the action of the House Republican leaders. They have privately requested every member on their side of the chamber to remain constantly within easy call. The Republicans apprehend the coming of the crisis, and they wish to be in a position to control action absolutely—as one of them expressed it, "not to let the Democrats run away with any of the glory."

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Statement

SHOWING THE CONDITION OF THE Continental Insurance Company of New York.

December 31, 1897.

ASSETS.

Value of real estate and ground rents owned by the Company (less the amount of the encumbrances thereon)	$4,111,350 00	
Loans on bonds and mortgage (duly recorded and being first liens on the fee-simple)	85,860 00	
Account of stocks and bonds of the United States, and of this and other States, also all other stocks and bonds absolutely owned by the Company	5,534,931 00	
Interest due and accrued on stocks and other securities	70,138 66	
Cash in Company's principal office and belonging to the Company, deposited in Bank	227,972 41	
Premiums unpaid	558,455 61	
Total assets,	$8,587,307 68	
Less assets not admitted,	5,000 00	

LIABILITIES.

Losses unpaid, including those resisted	$ 316,585 74
Reserve, as required by law	3,866,749 49
All other claims	480,876 97
Total liabilities,	$4,464,212 20
Capital stock paid up	$1,000,000 00
Total income	4,050,111 44
Total expenditures	3,809,629 89

NORTH CAROLINA BUSINESS IN 1897.

Risks written	$1,389,585 00
Premiums received	23,399 87
Losses paid on risks taken	25,470 97
Losses incurred	31,974 96

President—F. C. MOORE.
Vice-President—HENRY EVANS.
Secretary—EDWARD LANNING.
General Agent—W. W. HARRISS, Wilmington, N. C.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE,
INSURANCE DEPARTMENT,
RALEIGH, February 21st, 1898.

I certify that the above is a true extract from the sworn statement of the Continental Insurance Company of New York, on December 31, 1897, now on file in this Department.

CYRUS THOMPSON,
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No Flour superior sold in any market in the United States.

Prices and samples cheerfully sent. feb 6 tf

NOTICE.

Commissioner's Sale of Real Estate.

By virtue of a decree of sale made on the 21st day of February, 1898, in a special proceeding in the Superior Court of New Hanover county, North Carolina, wherein Emily Williams, executrix of the last will and testament of Eliza A. McDuffie, deceased, is plaintiff, and H. M. Bishop and others, heirs at law of the said Eliza A. McDuffie, deceased, are defendants, I will at 12 o'clock M., on Monday, the 28th day of March, 1898, sell at public auction, for cash, at the Court House door in the county of New Hanover aforesaid, the lot of land and premises described in the complaint, situate, lying and being in the city of Wilmington, county of New Hanover and State of North Carolina, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point in the southern line of Chesnut street 105 feet westwardly from the southwestern intersection of Tenth and Chesnut streets, and running thence westwardly with the said southern line of Chesnut street 35 feet, thence southwardly parallel with Tenth street 66 feet, thence eastwardly parallel with Chesnut street 35 feet, and thence northwardly parallel with Tenth street 66 feet to the southern line of Chesnut street to the beginning, being part of Lot 1 in Block 186 in the said city of Wilmington.

Dated and posted this, the 26th day of February, 1898. E. F. JOHNSON, Commissioner.

A. J. MARSHALL, Attorney.
sun feb 27 5t

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The First Instalment of the Ninth Series of Stock in

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OPERA HOUSE.

Monday, February 28th.

AUGUSTIN DALY'S COMEDY,

"A NIGHT OFF."

Produced at Daly's Theatre, New York, over one hundred nights.
Roars of Laughter. feb 26 3t

Administrator's Notice.

HAVING QUALIFIED AS ADMINISTRATOR of Mrs. Kate Brown, deceased, late of New Hanover county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 9th day of January, 1899, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

January 8, 1898.
JAMES W. SNEEDEN, Administrator,
jan 9 6w su with the Will annexed

And Still Another.

This one is from Philadelphia, and his name is Mr. John E. Cowell. This is not the only place in the city where you can get a good Shave or Hair Cut, but we do claim that Messrs. Hughes and Cowell can give as good satisfaction in our line as can be had anywhere, not excepting the Greater New York.

Respectfully,
A. PREMPERT, The Barber,
feb 20 tf 11 South Front Street.

PUBLISHER'S ANNOUNCEMENT.

THE MORNING STAR, the oldest daily newspaper in North Carolina, is published daily except Monday, $5.00 per year, $2.50 for six months, $1.25 for three months, 50 cents for one month to mail subscribers. Delivered to city subscribers at the rate of 45 cents per month for any period from one month to one year.

ADVERTISING RATES (DAILY)—One square one day, $1.00; two days, $1.75; three days, $2.50; four days, $3.00; five days, $3.50; one week, $4.00; two weeks, $6.50; three weeks, $8.50; one month, $10.00; two months, $17.00; three months, $24.00; six months, $40.00; twelve months, $80.00. Ten lines of solid Nonpariel type make one square.

THE WEEKLY STAR is published every Friday morning at $1.00 per year, 50 cents for six months, 30 cents for three months.

All announcements of Fairs, Festivals, Balls, Hops, Picnics, Society Meetings, Political Meetings, &c., will be charged regular advertising rates.

Advertisements discontinued before the time contracted for has expired, charged transient rates for time actually published.

No advertisements inserted in Local Columns at any price.

All announcements and recommendations of candidates for office, whether in the shape of communications or otherwise, will be charged as advertisements.

Payments for transient advertisements must be made in advance. Known parties, or strangers with proper reference, may pay monthly or quarterly, according to contract.

Remittances must be made by Check, Draft, Postal Money Order, Express or in Registered Letter. Only such remittances will be at the risk of the publisher.

Communications, unless they contain important news or discuss briefly and properly subjects of real interest, are not wanted; and, if acceptable in every other way, they will invariably be rejected if the real name of the author is withheld.

Notices of Marriage or Death, Tributes of Respect, Resolutions of Thanks, &c., are charged for as ordinary advertisements, but only half rates when paid for strictly in advance. At this rate 50 cents will pay for a simple announcement of Marriage or Death.

Advertisements inserted once a week in Daily will be charged $1.00 per square for each insertion. Every other day, three-fourths of daily rate. Twice a week, two-thirds of daily rate.

Contract advertisers will not be allowed to exceed their space or advertise anything foreign to their regular business without extra charge at transient rates.

Advertisements kept under the head of "New Advertisements" will be charged fifty per cent. extra.

Advertisements to follow reading matter, or to occupy any special place, will be charged extra according to the position desired.

The Morning Star.

BY WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUNDAY MORNING, FEB. 27, 1898

A CHANCE FOR AMERICAN CAPITAL.

The need of an American merchant marine is almost universally conceded, but the question is how to get it. Bounties have been talked of and subsidies have been tried, but still the ships do not come. A few ships are subsidized, among them steamers on the Pacific, but these steamers, notwithstanding the subsidies, are decreasing in number while the Japanese steamers are increasing in number and taking the trade away from them. The reason is that the Japanese either build their ships or buy them where they can buy them at the lowest cost, while the Pacific steamship company finds it too expensive to have ships built in this country to compete with their Japanese rivals and cannot go to other countries, as the Japanese do, to buy ships. The Japanese companies have the world to draw on for their ships, while the Americans are restricted to their own shipyards.

There may be and perhaps are other causes, such as insurance discriminations on cargoes carried out by American ships, as the New York *Commercial America* says, which alleges that the ocean insurance business is controlled by the agents of foreign companies, who charge higher rates on cargoes carried by American ships than they do on cargoes carried by European ships, by some process of classification, and therefore American ships cannot get cargoes while foreign ships can. How much there may be in this we do not know, but it seems to us if there be anything in it, it should not be a difficult matter to organize insurance companies in this country which would take the risks on cargoes in American ships and thus prevent this kind of discrimination.

But is this country always to be dependent upon the ships of other nations to carry its products across the seas, and to carry to us the products of other countries that are exchanged for these? There must be an end to this dependence some time, for until there is an end to it we cannot become a commercial nation in the true sense. Our national pride should preclude the thought that we are to be always thus dependent, and our national pride should find some way to put an end to it.

We are told that American capitalists do not seek investment in ships because ocean freights are so low that there is not profit enough in it to tempt investment in ships. This is not true, for nearly every maritime nation is increasing its merchant marine, and they would certainly not be doing that if there were not reasonable profit in ocean carrying. It is not true, either, that American capital does not seek investment in ships, for much American capital is now invested in ships that sail under the flags of other nations—English, German, French and other flags.

There would doubtless be competition but there is competition in all kinds of enterprises in which capital is largely invested. Millions are invested in railroads which compete with each other, and sometimes in almost parallel lines one of which would seem to destroy the other. But the builders took the chances and acted upon the principle of the "survival of the fittest." Where there was one Pacific railroad (a stupendous work when the first was projected and constructed) there are now three or four, and yet each competes with the other. Why then should Americans who risk millions in competition with each other on the land and on the lakes and on the rivers shrink from competing with foreign ship owners on the sea? If the same push, energy and determination were shown in the building of ships as has been shown in the building of railroads, and manufactories and opening mines, all of which compete with each other, we would soon have fleets of ships upon the seas and demonstrate the ability to keep them there, and give the foreign ship owners a tussle for the trade which they have so long monopolized.

The vim and pluck which built railroads through the wilderness can build ships and sail them, but to do it successfully will require an aggregation of capital as railroad building on a large scale does. There are thousands of millions invested in railroads, and very little of it paying respectable dividends and much of it none at all. There are millions invested in coal and iron mines, some of which pay but small dividends, there are millions invested in manufactories many of which are now paying no dividends, if the reports of the companies are to be credited. But the sea which belongs to the world is open and invites American enterprise and American capital, and here is a chance for combined American capital with the right kind of push behind it. We have bond syndicates, railroad syndicates, land syndicates, mining syndicates, and other syndicates. Why not a ship-building syndicate?

It is alleged that there are millions of idle money locked up in the bank vaults for which there is no demand, and yet Americans are paying foreign ship owners an estimated $300,000,000 a year to do their ocean carrying for them. Every ship built would keep some of that money at home, give employment to more people, and train some more Americans to the sea. Isn't there enough in these $300,000,000 to tempt American enterprise, even if there were no national pride to be considered? We have not lost the art of building ships, and if the industry began in earnest with some company with millions at command to lead the way, that fact would soon be demonstrated, and the further fact would be demonstrated that having built the ships, Americans have not lost the art of running them successfully.

MINOR MENTION.

In the event it be shown that the Maine was destroyed by external agencies (a conviction which seems to be growing stronger in Washington) the subject of the probable course this Government will pursue is beginning to be discussed, whether it will be a demand for indemnity backed up by force if need be, or something else. Assuming that there will be a demand for indemnity if it be shown that the explosion was caused by a sub-marine mine or torpedo, instances are quoted to show the course pursued in other cases by this Government, but those quoted are not exactly analogous, for the respective governments of which the indemnity was demanded were directly involved because the acts constituting the offence were committed by official authority. In this case, however, the complicity of the Spanish authorities has not been shown, and it is not intimated that they were in any way privy to the explosion, but still it may be held that the Government of Spain will be liable to damages for both the loss of property and life resulting from this violent lawlessness. It seems to us that in a case like this European precedents would have some bearing, as well as the precedents set by this Government. There is more of a resemblance in the case of Germany and China which led to the seizure of Kaio Chou, than in any referred to. There was no German ship blown up, and there were only two persons killed. They were killed by a mob, but it was not shown that the mob received any official encouragement. The perpetrators, however, were not apprehended and punished as Germany demanded, and hence the seizure of the port of Kaio Chou and the demand of a large money indemnity, both of which China yielded to, and other European Governments assented. In the final settlement Germany got the port, four hundred square miles of territory and the money indemnity. As a rule we are not governed by European precedents, but in this case we would have to deal directly with a European nation, and we might find such precedents useful.

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Ex-Governor Northen, of Georgia, is making a commendable effort to have the resources of that State creditably represented at the coming Omaha, Neb., Exposition. There is no provision by which State appropriations can be made for such purposes, and hence what is done must be done by individual effort. As illustrative of the results of judicious advertising of the State's resources he calls attention to the fact that the tax values of Irwin county, in which the Fitzgerald colony is located, have increased since the establishment of the colony from $1,305,341 to $2,037,195, due to the improvements which have followed the planting of that colony. Georgia is not only a good State agriculturally, but is rich in mineral and timber resources, and therefore presents attractions both to the home-seeker and the investor of capital. Ex-Governor Northen is level-headed in that. Georgia should be represented at that Exposition, and so should every other Southern State which desires the influx of immigration and capital, and they all do. This matter has not been much discussed in North Carolina, but it is not too late, for with the co-operation of our railroads and progressive citizens we could make a very creditable exhibit on short notice. We did it at the Atlanta and New Orleans Expositions over ten years ago when we were not as well prepared as we are now, and at the World's Fair at Chicago, where we made a fine exhibit, though not large, with a very small outlay of money. There is also to be, some time next year, a Southern Exposition at Chicago, intended especially to draw attention to the South, at which every Southern State should be well and largely represented. This is a kind of advertising which carries its object lessons with it, and it pays.

The Washington *Post* Almanac and Encyclopedia for 1898 is an exceedingly valuable publication, filled from cover to cover with over five hundred pages of useful information, concerning this and other countries, presented in condensed form, tabular and otherwise, conveniently arranged and indexed, so that anything wanted can be instantly found. There is something in it of value to every one. The surprising thing is that so much information could be compressed in a book even as large as this.

A Brooklyn, N. Y., jury has acquitted a Texas cowboy charged with killing his sister's husband. The killing was admitted and the defence was that the killed man was a brute who forfeited his life by his cruelty to his wife. That was the view the jury took of it and acquitted the sister's avenger, but in discharging him the Judge advised him not to "carry weapons again in a large city like this." Perhaps the Judge thought he might go into the avenging business.

The white girl who married an Indian and now has to work to support him has the consolation of knowing that he doesn't put on as much style as some white men.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Rocky Mount *Argonaut:* The artesian well is down about 170 feet, and is now in sandstone. It has passed through several stratas giving good water indications and there is no question but that plenty of good water will be obtained.

— Monroe *Enquirer:* Mr. W. E. Stewart, an aged and highly respected citizen of Jackson township, died Thursday morning. — Mr. Culpepper Pusser, of Goose Creek township, died of pneumonia on February 18th, after being sick five days.

— Salisbury *Sun:* Mr. W. F. Fleming, who was at Woodleaf yesterday, tells us a rich vein of gold ore was discovered yesterday by members of a squad of hands who were blasting through a large rocky place, making a way for the new Mocksville-Mooresville railroad. The discovery was made by the squad of Moore & Co., contractors.

— High Point *Enterprise:* Deep River is said to be lower than it has been in ten years at this season of the year. We are not surprised because many wells in this neighborhood have gone dry. If the rains do not come by Spring we will have a hard time of it in some localities.

— Sanford *Express:* A moonshine whiskey still which was a novelty for its mechanism, was captured by revenue officers about fifteen miles east of Sanford last week. A wash pot, holding about thirty-five gallons was used for the still and the cap was constructed from a lard can with a tin guano trumpet as the neck. The worm was an iron pipe about eight feet long.

— Carthage *Blade:* John Jourdan, white, and James Shamberger, colored, were found by the revenue officers operating an illicit distillery in the upper portion of the county one day last week. They were arrested and brought to Carthage. Shamberger succeeded in making his escape after arriving here. Jourdan was placed in jail to await his preliminary trial.

— Concord *Times:* Mr. H. Burris informs us that the 4-year old son of Mr. Pearson Dry, who lives about two and a half miles from Locust Level, was burned to death on last Thursday morning. The child was putting some wood on the fire, and its dress became ignited. No one was in the room at the time, but its mother in another room, hearing the child's screams, rushed in to find it covered with flames. She did everything possible to extinguish the fire, but the little fellow was so badly burned that he died in four hours.

— Fayetteville *Observer:* The State forester, who has just returned to Raleigh from a tour of the burned districts in this section and the borders of South Carolina, reports that fourteen persons were burned to death by the recent forest fires. We suppose that this number includes the two burned in this county. — Tom Atkins, who has been in jail here since Christmas, charged with killing John Campbell in Dunn Christmas Eve, was tried in Harnett court this week and sentenced to two years in the penitentiary. — Tom Dobbin, for killing a man near Sprout Springs several months ago, was tried and sentenced to fifteen years in the penitentiary.

— Captain Sigsbee's maxim, "it is better to know than to think," has become famous; but there are so many people who think they know, when they don't even know that they think.—*Philadelphia Ledger, Ind,*

Consumption Positively Cured.

Mr. R. B. Greeve, merchant, of Chilhowie, Va., certifies that he had consumption, was given up to die, sought all medical treatment that money could procure, tried, all cough remedies he could hear of, but got no relief; spent many nights sitting up in a chair, was induced to try Dr. King's New Discovery, and was cured by use of two bottles. For past three years has been attending to business and says Dr. King's New Discovery is the grandest remedy ever made, as it has done so much for him and also for others in his community. Dr. King's New Discovery is guaranteed for Coughs, Colds and Consumption. It don't fail. Trial bottles free at R. R. BELLAMY'S Drug Store. †

GOWN WITH POINTED FLOUNCE FROM HARPER'S BAZAR

The circular flounced skirts of French gowns promise to be very popular, since they are sheathlike at the top, with a lower circular flare, which gives a pretty fan effect without much fulness to impede in walking. These flounces rise gracefully towards the back, where they sweep outward from a tiny cluster of gathers below the waist-band.

The simpler forms of these skirt models are used for crash, pique, and other heavy cotton materials, as well as for silks and wools, while more elaborate costumes are composed of several wide flounces, or of a succession of narrow ones, or, again, of a series graduated in width, often reaching to the waist.

A Paris foulard gown of dainty simplicity, with polka-dots of black on a background of the new tone of silver blue, is attractive. The polka-dot returns this year as a novelty and in most fascinating combinations of color, the black appearing in a profusion of effects, apparently in accordance with what Paris calls a "black season."

The flounces of this skirt are especially graceful, rippling in airy curves from the pointed apron in front to a slight Watteau effect behind, which is framed by the broad velvet ribbon sash.

Circular flounces are not difficult to make by amateur dress-makers, although they require some care and patience. If the corresponding divisions of ruffle and skirt are pinned exactly in place, before basting, as indicated in the pattern of this gown furnished by HARPER'S BAZAR, there is little danger of stretching the edge of the ruffle in putting together.

In this model the flounces are attached to a seven gored foundation skirt, which may serve besides for a plain foulard, cotton, or wool skirt, as well as for a drop-skirt. This seven-gored model is one of the most popular for general use. It follows the average width at the present moment—three and three-quarter yards at the foot, the bottom flounce having sufficient extra width to flare easily.

The bodice of this gown is very becomingly designed, with tucks at the neck, and shoulder-caps cut in one with it. The addition of a narrow circular ruffle to these caps furnishes a graceful top to the plain tight sleeves which fashion now demands. A little rippled frill trims the sleeve at the hand. Skirt, corsage, and sleeve are bordered with rows of the new serpentine black velvet ribbon—a Paris novelty of the season. A wide draped collar of black velvet, always so enhancing to the complexion, completes the bodice. Quantity of material—foulard for entire costume, eighteen yards; silk or satin for waist-lining and drop-skirt, fourteen yards; velvet ribbon, two pieces.

THE RUSTLING OF THE LEAVES.

JAMES BUCKHAM.

There is something sort of cozy when
the leaves begin to rustle,
As the boys go tramping through
them in the hollows of the street,
Or hold down some laughing playmate
—though he gives them quite a
tussle—
While they cover him completely
with Dame Nature's windingsheet.

I can taste the wholesome flavor of the
frost in nuts and apples
When I hear the dead leaves whisper that their summer work is
done;
And I feel the bracing presence of the
ice-king as he grapples
With the steaming lakes and rivers,
and enchains them every one.

Then a picture of the hearth-side rises
bright and clear before me—
Such a pleasant, home-like picture,
of a biting winter night—
And a longing for my boyhood, warm
and wistful, rushes o'er me,
For the little farm-house kitchen
and the pine floor sanded white.

When the autumn leaves were falling
and the frosty nights came early,
How we loved to draw up closer to
the wood-fire's cheerful blaze,
Watch the flames eat out the maple,
with its heart so veined and curly,
And sit spellbound by the stories
grandpa told of battle-days!

Yes, they all come back to cheer me
—happy days that I remember—
When I hear the leaves a-rustling as
the school-boys scuffle by;
And I think there's something cozy in
the gloom of bleak November,
For the hearth-fire of my boyhood
paints a picture on the sky.
—*Leslie's Weekly.*

SUNDAY SELECTIONS.

— Every man's character is what his thoughts are.

— If the work of God is worth any effort, it is worth every effort.

— The golden rule exactly hits into every honest business transaction.

— He is more than half miserable who is doing nothing to make others happy.

— Anything done for God makes us stronger to do any other thing for Him.

— All things were made for the good and some day they will have them.

— Smiling lengthens the mouth and the life in about equal proportions,

— What if you have lost your ring? Be thankful that you still have your finger.

— We shall be judged hereafter not by what we have felt, but by what we have done,—*Robert Hall.*

— My liberty ends when it begins to involve the possibility of ruin to my neighbor.—*John Stuart Mills.*

— The diligent fostering of a candid habit of mind, even in trifles, is a matter of high moment both to character and opinion.

— When a man has been guilty of any vice or folly, the best atonement he can make for it is to warn others not to fall in the like.—*Addison.*

— How few the admonitions we receive to avoid the sin of using unkind words! How seldom do we hear any confessions on this point! And yet they are just as contrary to the spirit and teaching of Christ, as the non-observance of any Christian ordinance.

If you are not feeling well, why don't you take Hood's Sarsaparilla? It will purify and enrich your blood and do you wonderful good. †

TWINKLINGS.

— "I can trace my ancestors back to a hundred years before William the Conqueror."

"Well, I can't trace mine that far, but I haven't the slightest doubt that some of them were living even earlier than that."—*Cincinnati Enquirer.*

— Where They Differed—He (apologetically: I suppose you think I am a regular bear?

She (bravely) No, I don't. Bears are said to hug—at least sometimes.—*Yonkers Statesman.*

— He Had Heard Her—Miss Ethel: I wonder if that gentleman can hear me when I sing?

Maid: Of course he can. He is closing the window already.—*London Tit-Bits.*

— No Longer—Stranger: Where do you the Highminds reside? They are one of the old families in this city, I believe.

Mrs. Forundred: They used to be, Mr. Highmind failed last year.—*New York Weekly.*

— Greene—Why don't you call on Krokadell? He is the most sympathetic man I know of. He always sheds tears at any story of distress.

Gray—Yes; but this is a case actual destitution. We don't want tear drops, but mint drops. Guess we won't call on Krokadell. *Boston Transcript.*

— Anti-Artistic Destiny—"You shall be rich and famous," said the fortune-teller.

"Alas!" cried the sitter, "then I am undone; for my dream was to devote my life to art.—*Philadelphia North American.*

CURRENT COMMENT.

— Hon. J. J. Ingalls is at present lecturing through the South on "Hard Times." The Honorable John seems to be engaged in the rather laborious task of carrying coals to Newcastle.—*Columbia Register, Dem.*

— "The feeling in Spain toward the United States is very bitter," we are informed by the cable. There are sweeter things on earth than the feeling the United States has for Spain, if the Spaniards are looking for facts these days.—*Chicago News, Ind.*

— The production of pig iron in the United States during 1897 was 9,652,680 tons. This is a little more than one million tons greater than the production in 1896. Pennsylvania steel holds the first place among the States, with a production of 4,631,634 tons—nearly one-half the aggregate—and with a larger increase for the year than in any other single State.—*Philadelphia Record, Dem.*

In a recent letter from Washington D. C., to an old friend, Major G. A Studer, for twenty years United States Consul at Singapore, says: "While at Des Moines I became acquainted with a liniment known as Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which I found excellent against rheumatism as well as against soreness of the throat and chest (giving me much easier breathing). I had a touch of pneumonia early this week, and two applications freely applied to the throat and chest relieved me at once. I would not be without it for anything." For sale by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist.

CASTORIA.

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Spring

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Turkish Traffic In Slaves.

Slave dealing in Constantinople, as we know, always exists, and the wife of a pasha is not above the wretched business. Richard Davey, in his book, "The Sultan and His Subjects," says:

"A good deal of Turkish traffic in slaves is conducted in the following manner on very well conceived commercial principles: The wife of a pasha, as a matter of speculation, purchases two or three little girls for a trifle, either from a slave dealer or some poor woman, generally a Christian, possibly a Bulgarian refugee who is unable to bring up her own children. The lady educates each child, teaches it those accomplishments which are indispensable to harem life, such as singing, dancing and playing on musical instruments, washing, starching, ironing, embroidery and even a little cookery. To this may be added a smattering of some foreign language and a very elementary knowledge of Turkish caligraphy. When the child is grown up, if she is handsome the lady turns her to account and liberally repays herself for her trouble by selling her at a high figure to some pasha of her acquaintance through the medium of one of the well known old women whose business it is to carry out transactions of that sort."

How to Look Good.

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Frank Sherwood was down town today, the first time since he had his tussle with cholera morbus. He says he drove thirty miles after he was taken, and never came so near dying in his life. After this, when he goes out in the country he will take a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy with him.—Missouri Valley (Iowa) Times. For sale by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. †

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Wholesale Prices Current.

The quotations are always given as accurately as possible, but the STAR will not be responsible for any variations from the actual market price of the articles quoted.

☞ The following quotations represent Wholesale Prices generally. In making up small orders higher prices have to be charged.

BAGGING—			
2 ℔ Jute		@	6¾
Standard		@	7¾
WESTERN SMOKED—			
Hams ℔ ℔	12	@	14
Sides ℔ ℔	6	@	7½
Shoulders ℔ ℔	6	@	7½
DRY SALTED—			
Sides ℔ ℔		@	6
Shoulders ℔ ℔		@	5½
BARRELS-Spirits Turpentine—			
Second-hand, each	1 00	@	1 10
New New Mork, each		@	1 20
New City, each		@	1 20
BEESWAX ℔ ℔		@	22
BRICKS—			
Wilmington ℔ M	5 00	@	7 00
Northern	9 00	@	14 00
BUTTER—			
North Carolina ℔ ℔	15	@	18
Northern	18	@	25
CORN MEAL—			
Per bushel, in sacks	44	@	46
Virginia Meal	44	@	46
COTTON TIES—℔ bundle		@	85
CANDLES—℔ ℔—			
Sperm	18	@	25
Adamantine	8	@	10
CHEESE—℔ ℔—			
Northern Factory	10	@	11
Dairy, Cream		@	11
State	10½	@	12
COFFEE—℔ ℔—			
Laguyra	12	@	16
Rio	7½	@	10
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting, 4-4, ℔ yard		@	15¼
Yarns, ℔ bunch	18	@	20
EGGS—℔ dozen	10	@	11
FISH—			
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ barrel	22 00	@	30 00
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ half-bbl	11 00	@	15 00
Mackerel, No. 2, ℔ barrel	16 00	@	18 00
Mackerel, No. 2 ℔ half-bbl	8 00	@	9 00
Mackerel, No. 3, ℔ barrel	13 00	@	14 00
Mullets, ℔ barrel	2 50	@	3 50
Mullets, ℔ pork barrel		@	6 50
N. C. Roe Herring, ℔ keg	3 00	@	3 25
Dry Cod, ℔ ℔	5	@	10
" Extra	4 25	@	5 00
FLOUR—℔ ℔—			
Low grade		@	4 00
Choice		@	4 90
Straight		@	5 25
First Patent	5 50	@	6 00
GLUE—℔ ℔	7½	@	8½
GRAIN—℔ bushel—			
Corn from store, bgs—White		@	48
Car load, in bags—White		@	47
Oats, from store		@	40
Oats, Rust Proof		@	45
Cow Peas		@	55
HIDES—℔ ℔—			
Green		@	6
Dry		@	8
HAY, ℔ 100 lbs—			
Clover Hay	80	@	85
Rice Straw		@	50
Eastern		@	90
Western		@	85
North River		@	75
HOOP IRON, ℔ ℔	1½	@	1¾
LARD, ℔ ℔—			
Northern	5½	@	6
North Carolina	8	@	10
LIME, ℔ barrel	1 15	@	1 25
LUMBER (city sawed) ℔ M ft—			
Ship Stuff, resawed	18 00	@	20 00
Rough-edge Plank	15 00	@	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00	@	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00	@	23 00
Scantling and Board, com'n	14 00	@	15 00
MOLASSES, ℔ gallon—			
Barbadoes, in hogshead		@	26
Barbadoes in barrels		@	28
Porto Rico, in hogsheads		@	27
Porto Rico, in barrels		@	28
Sugar-House, in hogsheads	12	@	14
Sugar-House, in barrels	14	@	15
Syrup, in barrels	12	@	15
NAILS, ℔ keg, Cut, 60d basis	1 45	@	1 50
PORK, ℔ barrel—			
City Mess		@	12 00
Rump		@	11 50
Prime		@	11 50
ROPE, ℔ ℔	10	@	22
SALT, ℔ sack Alum		@	1 10
Liverpool		@	65
Lisbon		@	
American		@	65
On 125 ℔ Sacks		@	45
SHINGLES, 7-inch, ℔ M	5 00	@	6 00
Common	1 60	@	2 25
Cypress Saps	2 50	@	3 50
SUGAR, ℔ ℔—Standard Gran'd		@	5¼
Standard A		@	5¼
White Extra C		@	5
Extra C, Golden		@	4¾
C, Yellow		@	4¾
SOAP, ℔ ℔—Northern	3½	@	4
STAVES, ℔ M—W. O. barrel	6 00	@	14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@	10 00
TIMBER, ℔ M feet—Shipping		@	9 00
Mill, Prime		@	7 00
Mill, Fair	6 50	@	6 50
Common Mill	4 00	@	3 50
Inferior to Ordinary		@	3 00
SHINGLES, N. C. Cypress sawed			
℔ M 6x24 heart	7 50	@	8 50
" Sap	5 00	@	6 00
5x24 Heart	4 50	@	5 00
" Sap	4 00	@	4 50
6x24 Heart	6 00	@	6 50
" Sap	5 00	@	5 50
TALLOW, ℔ ℔		@	4
WHISKEY, ℔ gallon-Northern	1 00	@	2 00
North Carolina	1 00	@	2 00
WOOL ℔ ℔—Unwashed		@	15

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, February 26.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.—Market steady at 33½ cents per gallon for machine-made casks and 33 cents for country casks.

ROSIN.—Market firm at $1.20 per bbl for Strained and $1.25 for Good Strained.

TAR.—Market steady at 95 cents per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Nothing doing.

Quotations same day last year.—Spirits turpentine, firm, 27½, 27c; rosin firm, $1.45, $1.50; tar quiet, 90c; crude turpentine quiet, $1.30, $1.80.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	24
Rosin	325
Tar	163
Crud Turpentine	00

Receipts same day last year.—20 casks spirits turpentine, 752 bbls rosin, 202 bbls tar, 0 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 5⅝c. per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	3 3-16	cts.	℔ lb
Good Ordinary	4½	"	"
Low Middling	5 3-16	"	"
Middling	5⅝	"	"
Good Middling	5⅞	"	"

Same day last year, middling 6⅞c.

Receipts—304 bales; same day last year, 95.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina—Prime, 40@50c per bushel of 28 pounds; Extra Prime, 55c; Fancy, 60c. Virginia—Extra Prime, 55c; Fancy, 60c.

CORN.—Firm; 47½@50 cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE.—$1.00@1.05 per bushel.

N. C. BACON.—Steady; hams, 8 to 9c per pound; shoulders, 6 to 7c; sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES.—Per thousand, five inch, hearts and saps, $1.60 to $2.25; six inch, $2.25 to $3.25; seven inch, $5.50 to $6.50.

TIMBER.—Market steady at $3.00 to $7.50 per M.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to The Morning Star.

NEW YORK, February 26.—Money on call firm at 2 per cent., last loan 2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 3½@4 per cent. Sterling exchange was firmer; actual business in bankers' bills at 484¼@484¾ for demand and 481¾ for sixty days. Posted rates 483@483½ and 485½@486. Commercial bills 481@481¼. Silver certificates 55¾@56¾. Bar silver 55¼. Mexican dollars 45¼. Government bonds irregular; U. S. new 4's, registered 124¼; U. S. new 4's, coupon, 124½; U. S. 4's 111½; U. S. 4's, coupon, 112½; U. S. 2's 99½; U. S. 5's, registerd, 112; U. S. 5's, coupon, 112. State bonds quiet; North Carolina 6's 125; North Carolina 4's 103.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to The Morning Star.

NEW YORK, February 26.—Rosin steady; strained, common to good, $1 40@1 45. Spirits turpentine was firm at 35@35½c.

CHARLESTON, February 26.—Spirits turpentine firm at 32½c bid; no sales; Rosin firm; sales 300 barrels; quotations unchanged.

SAVANNAH, GA., February 26.—Spirits turpentine closed firm at 34c; sales 88 casks at 33½c; receipts 199 casks. Rosin firm; sales 600 barrels; receipts 2,191 barrels; closing quotations; A, B, C $1 20, D 1 25, E, F 1 30, G 1 40, H 1 60, I 1 65, K 1 75, M 1 80, N 1 90, W G 1 95, W W $2 15.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to The Morning Star.

NEW YORK, February 26.—The cotton market opened steady at unchanged prices to two points advance on light local covering, inspired by an advance in Liverpool. Following the call buying became general with the short contingent in the lead, on reports of firmer Southern spot markets and estimates for only moderate port receipts. Prices advanced to a gain of four to six points with trading active. Liverpool and New Orleans sent good buying orders, adding not a little to the general strength of the market. To-day's port receipts were estimated to be 19,000 bales and for the week 140,000 bales.

NEW YORK, February 26.—Cotton quiet; middling uplands 6 5-16c.

Cotton futures market opened steady with sales of 6,000 bales, and closed steady, with sales of 129,400 bales at quotations; February 6.10c., March 6.11c., April 6.14c., May 6.17c., June 6.20c., July 6.23c., August 6.26c., September 6.25c., October 6.22c., November 6.22c., December 6.25c.

Spot cotton closed quiet; middling uplands 6 5-16c; middling gulf 6 9-16c; sales 65 bales.

Net receipts 913 bales; gross 1,999 bales; forwarded 230 bales; sales — bales; sales to spinners 65 bales; stock 204,969 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts 16,677 bales; exports to Great Britain 7,694 bales; exports to France 16,363 bales; to the Continent 23,434 bales; stock 1,204,271 bales.

Total since September 1st—Net receipts 7,289,137 bales; exports to Great Britain 2,532,467 bales; to France 675,558 bales; to the Continent 2,079,546 bales.

February 26.—Galveston, firm at 5 15-16c, net receipts 4,154 bales; Norfolk, firm at 5 15-16c, net receipts 936 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 6¼c, net receipts — bales; Boston, dull at 6¼, net receipts 353 bales; Wilmington, firm at 5¾c, net receipts 304 bales; Philadelphia, firm at 6 9-16c, net receipts — bales; Savannah, quiet at 5¾c, net receipts 2,541 bales; New Orleans, steady at 5 3-16, net receipts 5,569 bales; Mobile, firm at 5 11-16c, net receipts 88 bales; Memphis, firm at 5 11-16c, net receipts 1,548 bales; Augusta, firm at 6¼c, net receipts 491 bales; Charleston, steady at 5 11-16c, net receipts 1,316 bales.

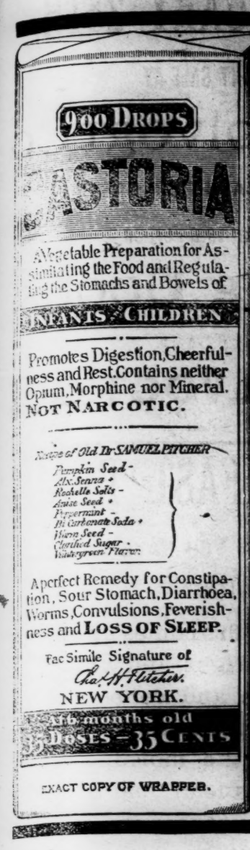
PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, February 26.—Flour was quiet and lower to sell; city mill patents $5 85@6 15; Minnesota patents $5 30@5 55. Wheat—Spot easy; No. 2 red $1 05¾; options opened weak at ¼c decline and sold off further under local liquidation, bearish home and Indian crop news and absence of clique or other support, closed ⅞@1c net lower; No. 2 red February closed $1 04½; May closed 98⅞c. Corn—Spot easy; No. 2 36¼c at elevator; options opened easy at ¼c net decline, following wheat, ruled weak all the forenoon under disappointing weekly clearances and lower cables, closing ¼c net lower; May closed 34⅝c; July closed 35¾c. Oats—Spot dull; No. 2, 31c; options were dull all day and nominally unchanged; May closed 30½c. Lard quiet; Western steam $5 45; May $5 52, nominal; refined lard quiet. Pork weak; mess $10 65@11 00; short clear $10 72@11 25; family $11 50@12 00. Butter firm; Western creamery 14½@20½c; do. factory 11@14c; Elgins 20½c; creamery 13@17c; State dairy 14@17c; do creamery 14@19½c. Cheese steady; large white September 8½c. Petroleum firm; refined New York $5 85; Philadelphia and Baltimore $5 80; do. in bulk $3 25. Rice steady; domestic, fair to extra 4¾@5⅝c; Japan 5@5¼c. Molasses firm; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 28@33c. Coffee—Spot Rio dull, tending lower; No. 7 invoice 6¼c; No. 7 jobbing 6¾c; mild steady; Cordova 7½@15½c; sales 2,000 bags Maracaibo on private terms; 500 bags Savanilla P. T. Sugar—raw steady; fair refining 3 11-16c; centrifugal 96 test 4 3-16c; refined quiet; mould A 5½c; confectioners' A 5⅛c; granulated 5¼c.

CHICAGO, February 26.—It was a weak day in wheat, July at one time being off 1¼c and May 2c. Closing prices showed a cent decline in both options. It was a narrow market and the weakness was due more to lack of support than to the news which, however, favored low prices. Other markets were barely steady at slight declines, corn and oats closing ⅛c lower each and provisions declining 2½@15c, pork being the weakest thing on the list.

CHICAGO, February 26.—Cash quotations: Flour dull; winter patents $4 80



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One morning in March, 1833, Mr. Douglass on arising was surprised to find that the clock had stopped for the first time since he had owned it. He drove to Vaselboro and spent the night at the house of a friend, where he was found the next morning very ill of a fever, and on April 18 died at the precise hour on which he had found his clock stopped on the morning of his departure from home.

In March, 1841, Edward P. Douglass removed from Brunswick to West Dover, taking with him the old clock, which still kept good time. Several years ago, during a severe illness of the owner, the clock stopped and could in no way be induced to tick again, although many attempts were made, as the old gentleman was very anxious to hear it strike once more. After a few days' sickness, on the evening of March 30, at 8 o'clock, the old gentleman passed away, and the hands, so long stopped, pointed to the very same hour on the dial of his old clock. The next morning the old clock was moved a few inches, as it had been on several occasions before, when, to the surprise of all, it began to tick. It was at once moved back into its corner, and has kept perfect time ever since, ticking and striking as loudly as ever.

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'Tween the cradle and the grave.
Changeful river, ever flowing,
Narrower and broader growing,
Flowing, flowing, ever going
Toward the still and solemn sea.

Forms of light and shapes of shadow
Float upon its troubled breast.
Through the moorland and the meadow,
On; the waters will not rest.

Here a bud, by churl hand wrested,
Flung into the angry foam.
There a flower with blooms invested
Plucked and ravished from its home.

Youth and age, and strength and weakness,
Beauty, innocence and sin,
Pride and power, and love and meekness,
All in turn are gathered in.

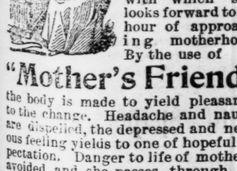
Time and Death, two grand old warders,
Watch it rise and mark it flow.
Death, upon the still sea's borders,
Bids the ice wind on it blow.

Changeful river fond hearts parting,
In that still and solemn sea
Joined to heal the grief and smarting
Bud and flower with stem shall be.

For o'er Time and Death an angel—
God's strong angel—walks the waves
Claiming with his trump, Evangel,
All that pass within the grave.

Claiming for his Lord and Master,
By the flaming cross he wears,
All—though battered by disaster—
All the sullen river bears.
Changeful river, ever flowing,
Narrower and broader growing,
Flowing, flowing, ever going
Toward the still and solemn sea.
—C. D. Stuart in New York Ledger.

The Hand THAT ROCKS THE CRADLE



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DONKEY, DOG AND GOAT.

The Three Great Sights of a Transcontinental Journey.

"The three oddest things that I saw outside of New York," said a New Yorker who had gone overland to Denver and returned by water by way of Galveston, "were a donkey, a dog and a goat. The donkey was the motive power of the single bobtail car that goes up the hill on South Broadway, Denver. He was an amusing fellow. After I made my first trip up that steep hill I was astonished to see the conductor unhitch the donkey and put him aboard the car. The dashboard was fitted up as a sort of stall, and he stood there sideways when the car started back down the hill under its own impetus. The donkey's face took on a delighted expression as he found himself in the role of passenger. He really seemed to be grinning at the conductor and the passengers.

"I saw the dog as I was about to enter the Taber Opera House in Denver. The dog was called Bill, and he was part of the outfit of a cigar store in the opera house building. He was a black spaniel. He was rigged up in Zouave trousers and jacket trimmed with gold braid, had a tasseled fez on his head and spectacles on his nose. The oddest thing about him was that he sat on his haunches, with his paws in the air, actually smoking a cigarette like a confirmed cigarette fiend. I found that he had been trained to smoke the cigarettes while the audience was going into the theater as an advertisement of his owner's business. That was the first time I had ever seen a dog smoking.

"I made the acquaintance of the goat in a tobacco factory in Key West. There were 200 Cuban girls there, nearly all of them pretty and all of them smokers or chewers of tobacco. The goat was their particular pet. He was the biggest goat I ever saw, almost as large as a Shetland pony, with big branching horns, and perfectly tame. He playfully butted the girls or pranced around among them. His best trick, however, was the larceny of their dinner baskets. He used to go nosing around until he found a particularly choice luncheon. He would knock over the basket, seize the lunch, and dash outdoors with it. No amount of chastisement had ever broken him of the trick. Of course I saw wonderful scenery in the journey, but the donkey and the dog and the goat were by long odds the most interesting living things that I encountered."
—New York Sun.

A Clever Lawyer.

An old lawyer in Paris had instructed a very young client of his to weep every time he struck the desk with his hand. Unfortunately the barrister forgot and struck the desk at the wrong moment. The client fell to sobbing and crying.

"What is the matter with you?" asked the presiding judge.

"Well, he told me to cry as often as he struck the table."

Here was a nice predicament, but the astute lawyer was equal to the occasion. Addressing the jury, he said:

"Well, gentlemen, let me ask you how you can reconcile the idea of crime in conjunction with such candor and simplicity. I await your verdict with the most perfect confidence."—Exchange.

Strange Mistake.

Old Mrs. Jones entered the drawing room unexpectedly and spoiled a very pretty tableau.

"I was just whispering a secret in Cousin Jennie's ear," explained Charlie.

"I'm sorry," said the old lady gravely, "that your eyesight has become so bad that you mistake Jennie's mouth for her ear."—London Tit-Bits.

Putting a Stamp Upside Down.

Folk in general are not nowadays so careful as they were years ago in the matter of affixing postage stamps to letters and receipt stamps upon bills, and many never note whether the stamps are the right way up or upside down. It was very different, however, before the rush and roar of this half of the century began, for it was next door to a crime, in the eyes of many, to affix a stamp with the queen's head the wrong way up. Many were not only under the impression that her majesty would "feel offended," but that if she took the matter up personally or told officials to act, punishment could follow. There are still, however, many people who look with horror upon a postage stamp upside down.—Notes and Queries

SNAKES OF BOYHOOD.

SOME EXTINCT REPTILIANS THAT HAD MARVELOUS ATTRIBUTES.

The Terrible Blue Racer and the Thousands of Victims He Didn't Get—The Hoop Snake That All Knew of, but Few Ever Saw—Peculiarities of Glass Snakes.

The blue racer was an ophidian calculated to cause the hair of the small boy to stand on end like the quills of the fretful porcupine. Nothing could exceed the fiendish malignity of this snake, whose powers of locomotion were incredibly swift and whose appetite for boy was forever on edge. And it was only by relieving himself of all impedimenta, such as the bucket containing his small store of berries or his fishing tackle and can of bait, that a boy was able to avoid capture. It was the current belief that when the blue racer came up with his prey he swiftly infolded the unlucky wight in his deadly coils, crushed the life out of him and then devoured him at his leisure. So far as history goes and the mortuary records show no boy was ever cut off in the bloom of his youth by a blue racer, but disasters of this kind were only avoided by the remarkable fleetness of foot displayed on such occasions.

His terror gave him supernatural strength and added wings to his feet, and the blue racer was incontinently left in the shade. The blue racer, according to a cloud of youthful witnesses who have testified thereto, was a snake ranging from 11 to 16 feet long, the average length being about 15 feet. Its aspect was threatening in the extreme, and its eyes gleamed with a baleful and hungry light. As it reared its ugly head four or five feet above the surface in search of the trembling youngsters his underside was seen to be of a bright blue color, and from this fact and his swift movements he received his apt and distinguishing name. Blue racers are as scarce as hens' teeth now.

But the most deadly, the most grewsome and the most appalling snake known to boyhood was the fearful hoop snake, now happily extinct. This scourge of the forest was the bete noire of the urchin, who was continually in mortal terror of encountering it as he wandered through the pleasant woods or angled in the waters of his favorite stream. The hoop snake roamed the darksome shades of the forest like an avenging Nemesis, and, like the blue racer, was always on the lookout for boys. The hoop snake differed uniquely from all other ophidia. When in motion, it was the habit of this snake to insert the end of its tail in its mouth, and, bending its body into a perfect circle, it would roll silently and with incredible swiftness through the woods. The tail terminated in a horny spike, harder than steel, in which was concealed a sting of the most venomous description, and woe betide the object that came within striking distance of this fearful weapon. The virus in the tail was far more toxic than the venom of the rattlesnake or the tooth of the copperhead and was synonymous with instant death.

Fortunately no boy was ever stung by one of these snakes. His caution, his prudence and proverbial good luck always enabled him to circumvent the machinations of the enemy, but it required ceaseless vigilance on his part. Indeed, but few boys ever saw one of these reptiles, although we were well aware of their existence. But at rare intervals some youth favored with exceptional eyesight and a vivid imagination would get a glimpse of a hoop snake rolling its way along a distant path.

Another curious snake that used to interest youthful students of herpetology was the glass snake. As far as its habits were known, the glass snake seemed to exist for the sole purpose of affording fun for the boys, who, when they encountered one of them, hit it across the back with a stick, whereupon his snakeship broke into a thousand pieces, more or less, according to the mathematical proficiency of the boy, and his brittle anatomy flew in all directions. Yet this singular proceeding, while it interested the youthful experimenters greatly, never discommoded the snake, or only temporarily, for as soon as left to itself the parts all united and the snake was whole as before. This invariably happened, but although boys have watched for hours to see the mysterious process the reptile never "got together" until they had departed. Glass snakes are not nearly so common now, nor are they so brittle as they used to be.

One fact in serpent history, however, remains the same in spite of the dicta of scientists, as any boy of today can tell. The tail of a snake will wiggle after it is killed until the sun goes down. There isn't a boy in the whole country but knows this to be a rock ribbed fact in natural history. Learned men tell us that this notion, as they please to call it, is a relic of a far distant time when our ancestors worshiped the sun, which at one time was depicted with serpent attributes.—Chicago Tribune.

The Telescope of the Future.

The late Alvan G. Clark, in an address delivered before the congress of astronomy and astrophysics some time ago, indicated his belief that the telescope of the future will be much more powerful than the present instrument. He said, "The horizon of science has been greatly broadened within the last few years, but out on the borderland I see the glimmer of new lights, which wait for their interpretation, and the great telescopes of the future must be their interpreters."

The Sensible Question.

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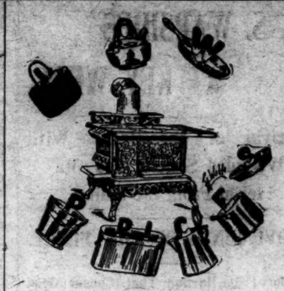

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Commissioner's Sale.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, } Superior Court.
NEW HANOVER COUNTY. }

James W. Sneeden, Administrator of Mrs. Kate Brown, deceased, vs.
Mortimer H. Brown et al.

By virtue of a decree made in the above entitled cause, the undersigned will expose for sale to the highest bidder for cash, at the Court House door of New Hanover county, on Friday, the 11th day of March, 1898, at 12 o'clock M., the following described lots of land in Wilmington, N. C., to-wit:

1. A lot beginning at the northwestern intersection of Second and Dawson streets, runs thence northwardly with the eastern line of Second street 66 feet, thence westwardly parallel with Dawson street 159 feet to an alley, thence southwardly with the said alley 66 feet to Dawson street, thence eastwardly with the northern line of Dawson street 159 feet to the beginning, being the eastern part of Lot 5, Block 45.

2 A lot beginning in the eastern line of Eleventh street 132 feet north of Princess street, runs thence north with said eastern line of Eleventh street 33 feet, thence eastwardly parallel with Princess street 132 feet, thence southwardly parallel with Eleventh street 33 feet, thence west parallel with Princess street 132 feet to the beginning, being a part of the western part of Lot 3, Block 188.

3. A lot beginning in the western line of Eighth street 99 feet north of Campbell street, runs thence northwardly with said western line of Eighth street 33 feet, thence westwardly parallel with Campbell street 165 feet, thence southwardly parallel with Eighth street 33 feet, thence eastwardly parallel with Campbell street 165 feet to the beginning, being the east quarter of Lot 4, Block 202.

4. A lot beginning in the western line of Eighth street 132 feet north of Brunswick street, runs thence north with said western line of Eighth street 66 feet, thence west parallel with Brunswick street 165 feet, thence south parallel with Eighth street 66 feet, thence east parallel with Brunswick street 165 feet to the beginning, being the east half of Lot 3, Block 202.

5. A lot beginning at the northwestern intersection of Ninth street and Swann street, running thence northwardly with the eastern line of Ninth street 297 feet, thence eastwardly parallel with Nixon street about 290 feet to the line of the property of the Wilmington & Weldon R. R. Co., thence with the said line southwestwardly about 335 feet to a point in the nortnern line of Swann street 70 feet eastwardly from the eastern line of Ninth street, thence westwardly with said northern line of Swann street 70 feet to the beginning, being the western 4parts of Lots 2, 3, 4 and 5 and a part of Lot 1, Block 338.

6. A lot beginning at the southwestern intersection of Nixon and Seventh streets, runs westwardly with the southern line of Nixon street 33 feet, thence southwardly parallel with Seventh street 60 feet, thence eastwardly parallel with Nixon street 33 feet to Seventh street, thence northwardly with said line of Seventh street 60 feet to the beginning, being the east end of Lot 1, Block 325.

7. A lot beginning in the northern line of Princess street 132 feet west of the western line of Twelfth street, runs thence westwardly with said line of Princess street 33 feet, thence northwardly parallel with Twelfth street 165 feet, thence eastwardly parallel with Princess street 33 feet, thence southwardly parallel with Twelfth street 165 feet to the beginning, being parts of Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 188.

WILKES MORRIS, Commissioner.

February 8th, 1898. feb 9 im

NOTICE TO NORTH CAROLINA CONTRACTORS.

THE TRUSTEES OF THE DEAF AND DUMB and the Blind Institution at Raleigh invite sealed proposals for the erection and completion of the Auditorium Building for the Institution agreeable to the plans and specifications as prepared by Architect Frank P. Miliburn. The same are now on file at the Institution and in the Architect's office, Charlotte, N. C., for the inspection of bidders. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check for $400, made payable to the Board of Trustees as evidence. If bid is accepted the bidder will enter into contract and file an acceptable Guarantee Company's Bond in the sum of $10,000, made payable to the Board of Trustees of the North Carolina Institution for the Education of the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind.

Bids will be received until 7 P. M. March 14th, 1898. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

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DAILY 7.15 P. M No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.55 P. M., Warsaw 9.10 P. M., Goldsboro 10.10 P. M., Wilson 11.06 P. M., †Tarboro 6.35 A. M., Rocky Mount 11.57 P. M., Weldon 1.42 A. M., †Norfolk 10.30 A. M., Petersburg 3.14 A. M., Richmond 4.00 A. M., Washington 7.41 A. M., Baltimore 9.03 A. M. Philadelphia 11.25 A. M., New York 2.03 P. M., Boston 9.00 P. M.

DAILY except Sunday 2.25 P. M. No. 50—Passenger—Due Jacksonville 4.18 P. M., Newbern 5.40 P. M.

SOUTH BOUND.

DAILY 4.00 P. M. No. 55—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 5.09 P. M., Chadbourn 5.41 P. M., Marion 6.43 P. M., Florence 7.25 P. M., Sumter 9.10 P. M., Columbia 10.30 P. M., Denmark 6.12 A. M., Augusta 7.55 A. M., Macon 11.15 A. M., Atlanta 12.25 P. M., Charleston 10.50 P. M., Savannah 1.50 A. M., Jacksonville 7.30 A. M., St. Augustine 10.30 A. M., Tampa 5.25 P. M.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 5.50 P. M. No. 49—Passenger—Leave †Boston 1.03 P. M., *New York 9.00 P. M., Philadelphia 12.05 A. M., Baltimore 2.50 A. M., Washington 4.30 A. M., Richmond 9.05 A. M., Petersburg 10.03 A. M., Norfolk 8.40 A. M., Weldon 11.52 A. M., Tarboro 12.12 P. M., Rocky Mount 12.47 P. M., Wilson 2.37 P. M., Goldsboro 3.20 P. M., Warsaw 4.11 P. M., Magnolia 4.34 P. M.

DAILY 9.30 A. M. No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 night, New York 9.30 A. M., Philadelphia 12.00 P. M., Baltimore 2.25 P. M., Washington 3.46 P. M., Richmond 7.30 P. M., Petersburg 8.12 P. M., †Norfolk 2.50 P. M., Weldon 9.43 P. M., †Tarboro 6.01 P. M., Rocky Mount 5.40 A. M. Leave Wilson 6.32 A. M., Goldsboro 7.01 A. M., Warsaw 7.53 A. M. Magnolia 8.05 A. M.

DAILY except Sunday 12.15 P. M No. 51—Passenger—Leave Newbern 9.00 A. M., Jacksonville 10.25 A. M.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 1.20 P. M. No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 8.10 A. M., Sanford 3.27 P. M., Jacksonville 7.40 P. M., Savannah 1.45 A. M., Charleston 6.33 A. M., Columbia 6.45 A. M., Atlanta 8.20 A. M. Macon 9.00 A. M., Augusta 2.30 P. M., Denmark 4.25 P. M., Sumter 8.12 A. M., Florence 9.58 A. M., Marion 10.36 A. M., Chadbourn 11.33 A. M., Lake Waccamaw 12 00. P. M.

†Daily except Sunday.

Trains on the Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 3.55 P. M., Halifax 4.30 P. M.; arrive Scotland Neck 5.30 P. M., Greenville 6.57 P. M., Kinston 7.55 P. M. Returning, leaves Kinston 7.50 A. M., Greenville 8.52 A. M.; arriving Halifax at 11.18 A. M., Weldon 11.33 A. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8.30 A. M. and 2.30 P. M.; arrive Parmele 9.10 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.; returning leaves Parmele 9.35 A. M. and 6.30 P. M.; arrives Washington 11.00 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 5.30 P. M.; Sunday, 4.15 P. M.; arrives Plymouth 7.40 P. M. and 6.10 P. M. Returning, leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7.50 A. M. and Sunday 9.00 A. M.; arrive Tarboro 10.05 A. M. and 11.00 A. M.;

Train on Midland N. C. Branch leaves Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 7.10 A. M.; arrive Smithfield, N. C., 8.30 A. M. Returning, leaves Smithfield 9.00 A. M.; arrive Goldsboro 10.25 A. M.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 4.30 P. M.; arrives Nashville 8.05 P. M., Spring Hope 5.30 P. M. Returning, leaves Spring Hope 8.00 A. M., Nashville 8.35 A. M.; arrive Rocky Mount 9.05 A. M., daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leave Warsaw for Clinton, Daily except Sunday, at 11.30 A. M. and 4.15 P. M. Returning leave Clinton at 7.00 A. M and 3.00 P. M.

Florence Railroad leave Pee Dee 10.09 A. M.; arrive Latta 10.26 A. M., Dillon 10.38 A. M., Rowland 10.54 A. M. Returning, leaves Rowland, 6.13 P. M.; arrives Dillon 6.33 P. M., Latta 6.46 P. M., Pee Dee 7.10 P. M., daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Hub at 8.30 A. M., Chadbourn 11.43 A. M.; arrive Conway 2.05 P. M.; leave Conway 2.45 P. M., Chadbourn 5.45 P. M.; arrive Hub 6.25 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Central of South Carolina Railroad leave Sumter 6.37 P. M., Manning 6.58 P. M.; arrive Lane's 7.36 P. M.; leave Lane's 8.34 A. M., Manning 9.08 A. M.; arrive Sumter 9.37 A. M. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lane's 9.50 A. M., 7.35 P. M.; arrive Georgetown 12.00 M., 9.14 P. M.; leave Georgetown 7.00 A. M.; 3 P. M. arrive Lane's 8.25 A. M., 5.35 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Cheraw and Darlington Railroad leave Florence daily except Sunday at 2.55 A. M.; arrive Darlington 10.38 A. M., Cheraw 11.40 A. M., Wadesboro 42.35 P. M.; leave Florence daily except Sunday at 8.00 P. M.; arrive Darlington 8.25 P. M., Hartsville 9.30 P. M., Bennettsville 9.21 P. M., Gibson 9.45 P. M. Leave Florence Sunday only at 9.55 A. M.; arrive Darlington 10.27 A. M., Hartsville 11.10 A. M.

Leave Gibson daily except sunday at 6.35 A. M., Bennettsville 6.59 A. M., arrive Darlington 7.50 A. M. Leave Hartsville daily except Sunday at 7.00 A. M.; arrive Darlington 7.45 A. M.; leave Darlington 8.55 A. M.; arrive Florence 9.30 A. M. Leave Wadesboro daily except Sunday 4.35 P. M., Cheraw 5.15 P. M., Darlington 6.20 P. M.; arrive Florence 7.00 P. M. Leave Hartsville Sunday only at 8.15 A. M., Darlington 9.00 A. M.; arrive Florence 9.30 A. M.

Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 2.20 P. M., 11.16 P. M.; arrive Selma 3.15 P. M., Smithfield 3.29 P. M., Dunn 4.00 P. M., Fayetteville 4.47 P. M., 1.14 A. M., Rowland 6.13 P. M.; returning leave Rowland 10.54 A. M. Fayetteville 12.18 P. M., 10.15 P. M., Dunn 1.01 P. M., Smithfield 1.39 P. M., Selma 1.47 P. M., arrive Wilson 2.35 P. M., 12.09 A. M.

Manchester & Augusta Railroad trains leave Sumter 4.29 A. M., Creston 5.17 A. M.; arrive Denmark 6.12 A. M. Returning leave Denmark 4.25 P. M., Creston 5.80 P. M., Sumter 6.25 P. M. Daily.

Pregnalls Branch train leaves Creston 5.45 A. M.; arrive Pregnalls 9.15 A. M. Returning, leaves Pregnalls 10.00 A. M.; arrives Creston 3.50 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Bishopville Branch trains leave Elliot 11.10 A. M. and 7.30 P. M.; arrive Lucknow 1.00 P. M. and 8.30 P. M. Returning leave Lucknow 6.05 A. M. and 2.00 P. M.; arrive Elliot 8.25 A. M. and 3.30 P. M.

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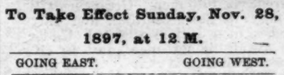

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P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

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OUR MINISTER AT MADRID.

Resolution of Censure Offered in the House—It Was Ruled Out of Order—The Sundry Civil Bill Under Consideration.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, February 26—During the greater part of the Senate's session to-day, the right of Henry W. Corbett to a seat from the State of Oregon, was under discussion.

Mr. Gallinger introduced and had adopted a resolution requesting the President, if not incompatible with the public interest, to send to the Senate copies of all reports and communications received by the State Department since the 24th of February, 1895, from Tomas Estrada Palma, or any agent of the Cuban insurgents which relate to the state of war in the island of Cuba, or such parts of said document as it may be deemed advisable and proper to communicate.

The Senate at 3:35 on motion of Senator Pettus, Alabama, adjourned.

House of Representatives.

The House did not complete the consideration of the Sundry Civil bill to-day, but Chairman Cannon held the floor with it until adjournment, refusing to yield to Mr. Boutelle, of Maine, the Chairman of the Naval Committee, who was anxious to secure consideration for the bill reported by his committee for the relief of the victims and survivors of the Maine disaster. About twenty pages of the Sundry Civil bill were disposed of. Many efforts were made by different members to inject river and harbor items into the bill, three of them being successful. Amendments appropriating $300,000 for Cleveland harbor, $200,000 for Wilmington, Delaware, and increasing the appropriation for Boston harbor from $100,000 to $250,000, were adopted. As contracts for these works were authorized, they were in order under the rules.

Mr. Lewis of Washington, Democrat, created something of a sensation by offering the following resolution as an amendment:

"*Resolved*, That Congress disapproves of Minister Woodford tendering a banquet to the Spanish cabinet in behalf of the United States, expressing the sense that the relations between Spain and the United States should, until the inquiry as to the cause of the Maine disaster be determined, remain only in the formal and official way demanded by the needs of the respective nations."

Mr. Lewis was proceeding to remark upon the "ghoulish spectacle" of Minister Woodford banqueting the Spanish cabinet while the country was mourning the loss of 250 brave sailors who were the victims of Spanish hate, when Mr. Cannon interposed a point of order against the amendment and was promply sustained by the chair

Mr. Lewis attempted to debate the order, saying the amendment was certainly pertinent to the paragraph under consideration which happened to relate to national cemeteries. "I am opposed," he said, "to our people burying their dead while our official representative abroad is feasting their murderers." At this point, Mr. Lewis was cut of and the incident closed,

The House at 5.20 P. M. adjourned until Monday.

McKINLEY'S ATTITUDE,

Will Not Be Jingoed Into War or Act in Anticipation of Events.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, February 26. — A member of the Cabinet, in speaking to-day of the attitude of the President on the question of a war with Spain, said:

"President McKinley is giving thoughtful and earnest consideration to every phase of the Cuban situation as it appears, but he will not be jingoed into war, or act in anticipation of events which may never occur. He fully realizes what war means, and will not go to this last direful extremity without the approval of his conscience and a firm conviction that such a course would be right in the sight of God and man. But, whenever the honor and integrity of the nation or its people become involved, the President may be depended upon to do his whole duty and do it promptly."

SEVEN LIVES WERE LOST.

Fearful Fire in a Tenement House Early Yesterday Morning at Charleston, South Carolina.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHARLESTON, S. C., February 26.—Seven lives were lost in a fearful fire which raged for a short while on Church street this morning. The dead are, Mrs. Rebacca Knickmeyer, Albert O'Neal, Caswell O'Neal; Josephine Knickmeyer, 17 years of age; Katie Knickmeyer, 16 years of age; Frances Knickmeyer, 6 years of age, and a baby of Mrs. Knickmeyer, one month old.

Mrs. Knickmeyer was the wife of Theo. Knickmeyer, a carpenter, who is also a call man in the fire department. The other Knickmeyers are all his children, and the O'Neals are his brothers-in-law.

The building is gutted, but the damage will not be very great.

NORTH CAROLINA POSTMASTERS.

Fourth Class Appointments Announced Yesterday.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, February 26.—Fourth class postmasters have been appointed as follows: North Carolina—Comfort, Charles A. Rhodes; Engelhard, Eugene C. Boomer; Hampton, J. L. Carrington; Holloway, Walter R. Hay; Mooshaunee, Mattie Caddell; Mount Mourne, L. A. Turner; Pump, F. C. Hamric; Sincerity, D. A. Duncan; Tampa, J. F. McGinnis; Uwharie, Henry Dennis; Watsonville, Josephine Hart.

M. Perreux, publisher of the *Aurore*, has signed a formal appeal against the sentence of four months imprisonment and three thousand francs fine imposed upon him at the conclusion of the Zola trial.

NO INFORMATION AT WASHINGTON.

Officials Still Awaiting Report of the Naval Inquiry Into the Maine Disaster.

TELEGRAM FROM SIGSBEE.

Denial of Reports of Shipments of Ordnance to New York—Speculations as to Report of the Court of Inquiry—The Terror Sails for New York.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, February 26.—In the absence of news from Havana on any subject other than the disposition of dead bodies, the official mind turned to-day to an analysis of the Spanish statements made with more or less degree of official sanction, respecting the total absence of submarine mines from Havana harbor, and it was regarded by the Navy Department as negativing the mine theory or an internal cause for the explosion just as recent letters put an end to an exploding boiler theory as an internal cause for the disaster.

Nothing was heard to-day from the Court of Inquiry and the department is still ignorant of its plans. In fact, the only news coming direct from Havana to the Navy Department during the day was contained in the following:

Dispatch from Captain Sigsbee.

"HAVANA, February 26.—Have succeeded in making arrangements by which bodies may be sent to Key West in hermetically sealed zinc cases. Refer to Forsyth for burial in Key West. Probable that bodies hereafter cannot be recognized. Probable bodies will not remain intact. Condition of bodies requries immediate action. Jenkins and Merritt may be recognized by uniform. Can secure health permit at Key West to land the bodies there. Divers cannot get down after bodies this morning. Much debris. Will clear it away. Wainwright placed in charge of wrecking matters.

(Signed) SIGSBEE."

The following was sent:

WASHINGTON, February 26.—Sigsbee, Havana.—"Referring to your telegram of this date send bodies that may hereafter be recovered to Key West for burial. Send by Bache.

(Signed) "LONG."

It is believed at the department that there are probably in the neighborhood of fifty bodies remaining to be discovered and extricated from the wreck.

Terror Sails For New York.

The double-turreted monitor Terror started for New York this evening from Hampton Roads under orders issued to-day. She will be a most powerful reinforcement to the defences of the commercial metropolis in case of need, and, stationed in the Narrows, it would be difficult for any hostile ship to pass her. With the exception of the training ship Essex, which arrived at Hampton Roads to-day, and the Brooklyn, which arrived at St. Lucia, probably to coal on her way to Laguayra, distant five hundred miles, this was the only naval movement to-day.

The Auxiliary Navy.

There were a number of alarming stories as to the heavy shipments of ordnance from the Washington navy yard to New York for the arming of the auxiliary navy. It is said at the department that so far none of these small guns have been shipped to-day, but that a few for the Chicago, probably fourteen five-inch rapid-fire guns will be dispatched Monday or Tuesday. With these guns in place the Chicago would be pretty well modernized in the matter of armament. She will carry still her four big eight inch guns in sponsons on the spar-deck, while on the gun-deck these fourteen five-inch rapid-fire guns will replace eight six-inch guns of old pattern. The Dolphin is to go into commission in New York on the 24th of March. Although rated as the President's yacht, the vessel. which has been thoroughly overhauled and furnished with new boilers and decks, carries even now a sufficient battery to make her, when speed is taken into account, a very effective gunboat.

The Court of Inquiry.

With the proceedings of the court of inquiry drawing to a close, attention is now directed to the form and nature of this report. The court had the widest latitude for inquiry and yet certain general features would have to be observed under the navy regulations governing inquiries of this character.

In form, the report will be in two parts: First, the findings of fact, and, second, the opinion of the court. The findings take up each material question of fact involved and give the conclusion of the court upon it. The opinion states what should be done under each finding of fact. This opinion relates to the usual cases in which officers are on trial, but in the present case it would not, of course, extend to opinions on the government policy applicable to the findings of facts. The circumstances of the present case are so unusual, involving the relations of two governments, that the report may be confined to findings of fact, without the usual opinion of the court.

The New Artillery Regiments.

The officials of the war department have completed all the preliminary arrangements for the immediate execution of the bill which is expected to become a law within the next few days, providing for two additional regiments of artillery. There will be no difficulty whatever in securing the men, as applications for enlistment have been received far in excess of the number required, viz, 1610 men. Great care will be taken in the recruiting, and only the best men will be accepted. Under the law all the new men must be citizens of the United States. It is probable that the ranks will be recruited to a large extent from men who have already served one or more terms in the army,

With the two new regiments there will be seven regiments of artillery and the total strength of the army, including the hospital corps, ordnance and engineer battalions and the West Point detachment, will be increased to nearly 27,000 men.

The new organization will result in the promotion of two lieutenant colonels, four majors, ten captains, thirty-four first lieutenants, three second lieutenants, and will absorb the eighteen additional second lieutenants of infantry. No vacancies will be created, however, and no appointments will have to be made.

Statements of Spanish Officials.

The attention of naval officers has been strongly attracted to the statement, made by representatives of the Spanish government to the effect that there were no mines or torpedoes of any kind in Havana harbor. It can be said that this statement exactly agrees with the inquiries that have been under way for manv months by agents of our government, for so far, it is said, they have been unable to find the slightest evidence of the existence of any plan of defence in the harbor by means of mines or torpedoes, much less to locate them as has been reported in some quarters. Officials of the Navy Department say that the effect of this statement, if it is to be accepted as conclusive on that point, is almost certain to negative the supposition that the disaster resulted from other than accidental catises, as the almost unanimous testimony of experts here, based on the history of torpedo work, is to the effect that no single torpedo of any type could have caused the terrific wreck of the Maine.

In the pursuit of details, some of the ordnace officers, acting upon the theory that the large ten-inch magazine forward was not exploded, have been looking into the contents of the smaller and adjoining six-inch magazines. They find that allowing for the amount of powder that was probably consumed in practice drills by the Maine before she arrived in Havana harbor there was certainly no less than 8,000 pounds of powder in this magazine, an amount sufficient to have caused enormous destruction had it been exploded at one time.

When the attention of Philip Alger, expert of the Bureau of Ordnance, was called to Senor DuBosc's statement, he said: "The statement is important as representing the position taken by the Spanish officials, who have absolute knowledge of whether or not Havana harbor was mined. It is, of course, inherently improbable that such mines existed, since it is not customary to plant torpedoes in harbors at all, especially not in harbors constantly occupied by friendly vessels. Should it be possible to prove Senor DuBosc's statement to be true, the whole theory of the Maine's destruction by a torpedo will become untenable, in my opinion. But the only proper course to be now pursued is to await patiently the report of the board of investigation and to accept their findings as conclusive.

KING GEORGE OF GREECE.

Waylaid and Fired Upon by Two Men—But Escaped Unhurt—A Footman Wounded.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

ATHENS, February 26.—An unsuccessful attempt was made to-day to assassinate King George of Greece. The King was returning from Phalerum at 5 o'clock in the evening in a landau, accompanied by the Princess Maria, when two men who were hidden in a ditch alongside the road opened fire with guns upon the occupants of the carriage. The first shot missed but the second wounded a footman in the arm. The coachman whipped up his horses and the royal party dashed away at a gallop. The miscreants fired seven more shots after them, none of which took effect, and the King and Princess returned to the palace unhurt.

The news of the attempt upon the King's life caused a great sensation.

LA CHAMPAGNE.

French Liner Anchored on New Foundland Banks With Broken Shaft.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, February 26.—The Holland-American line steamer Rotterdam arrived to-night, having on board the third officer and nine of the crew of the French liner La Champagne. They were picked up from a life boat on February 24th, 43.10 latitude N., and 57.00 longitude W. Some of them had their hands and feet frozen. They reported having left their ship on Friday, February 28th, in search of assistance. La Champagne carried away her tail-end shaft on February 17th and anchored on the New Foundland Banks in 45.27 latitude north and 51.52 longitude west, the ship being light and all on board well.

A TERRIBLE EXPLOSION.

Eight Men Killed and Ten Others Injured at Kalamazoo, Mich.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

DETROIT, MICH., February 28.—A special from Kalamazoo, Mich., says:

Fire broke out in the Hall Chemical works at 10 o'clock to-night and after burning half an hour two terrible explosions blew the whole top of the building off, burying firemen and spectators beneath the falling walls and debris. Besides leaving two firemen at least within the building, six men have been taken out dead and ten injured.

EX-CONFEDERATES VOLUNTEER.

More Than Enough to Fill a Regiment Respond to a Call.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

MIDDLESBORO, KY., February 26.—A card in a local newspaper asking ex-Confederates to form a regiment to serve in case of war with Spain has brought more than enough responses to fill the ranks from Southwest Virginia, East Tennessee and Kentucky. The originator of the idea now contemplates the formation of a division to be commanded by Fitzhugh Lee.

FIVE PERSONS KILLED.

An Omnibus Struck by a Railroad Train in Chicago.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, February 26.—A bus, filled with pleasure seekers, was struck by a Grand Trunk passerger train at the western avenue crossing south of Blue island, in the southwestern part of the city, at 9 o'clock to-night. Five of the number were killed and none of the occupants of the vehicle escaped without injury, about twenty being badly hurt.

ARRIVALS FROM HAVANA.

Say They Were Advised to Leave by Consul General Lee.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

TAMPA BAY HOTEL, TAMPA, FLA., February 26.—Mrs. Brunner and five children are here from Havana. She is the wife of United States health officer Brunner at Havana and says Consul-general Lee advised her husband to send her away at once. Other Americans have also made the same tatement after being here a few days.

Father Weber, whose recent declaration at Roundout, that in case of war between the United States and Spain it would become the duty of Roman Catholics to fight on the side of Spain, has been officially requested to leave the diocese.

The Memphis and Charleston railroad was sold at public outcry yesterday to the Southern Railway Company at the upset price of $2,500,000, there being no other bidders.

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DIVERS FIND ABSOLUTE PROOF.

The Forward Big Magazine of the Maine is Surely Unexploded.

SO MANY DIVERS TESTIFY.

Secretary Sherman Says Indemnity Will be Demanded—The Administration Can Depend Upon All the Money Support Necessary.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, February 26.—A copyrighted cablegram to the *Evening World* from Sylvester Scovel, at Havana, says:

"Divers working forward yesterday found absolute proof that the forward big magazine, which alone could have so damaged the ship, is surely unexploded. The sides and floors of this magazine are practically intact, and in such shape as is impossible had an explosion within occurred. Many divers have so sworn to-day to the investigating board.

"It is now believed by experts that a big torpedo or mine, aided by five hundred pounds of saluting powder in the reserve magaine, next to the big magazine, might have produced the actual results, both as regards extent and direction found in the wreck.

"Collapsed powder cases found about the magazine have hexagonal marks in the thin copper where the external pressure forced it into its contents of hexagonal powder."

Secretary Sherman's Views.

WASHINGTON, February 26.—Secretary Sherman spent some time at the capitol to-day. He talked freely with Senators concerning the situation in Havana in view of the Maine disaster. He told them that no important addition to the information previously received had reached the department for the past few days, but stated that the situation was being considered with the view of having a policy developed in case the naval court now making an inquiry into the disaster should find that it was not the result of an accident. To this he added the statement that he thought an indemnity would certainly be demanded, and that if it should be, a good round sum would be asked. What that sum should be, would, however, depend largely upon circumstances.

The Secretary did not think the Spanish authorities had been aware of the intentions of any one who may have caused the explosion, but he advanced the opinion that whether they were or not, the Spanish government would be liable for indemnity if it was shown that any Spaniard had caused it.

Money Support Assured.

NEW YORK, February 26.—The Evening *World* says that Senator Hanna was in conference last evening with a number of representatives of prominent financial institutions, and that he was given to understand by them that the administration could depend on all the money support necessary to carry out any plan of action that might be determined upon.

According to the Evening *World*, a series of bond issues, aggregating $500,000,000 was suggested as a possibility and was acquiesced in by the assembled financiers

NEW YORK, February 26.—Russel Sage gave out the following authorized interview to-day:

—"From all the information received there is little doubt in my mind that our warship was blown up by outside agencies and if the naval commission so reports, the time for action has come. There should be no wavering. This government must demand the fullest reparation and that without delay.

"Whatever action, war or otherwise, President McKinley may take, he should and will have the fullest support from both rich and poor, Republicans and Democrats. There is no question as to where the rich man stands. In the civil war, when it broke out, I bought government bonds, and I did the same thing in 1864. So did other rich men. We had confidence in our government. If the necessity arises now, I will do the same again generously; so will other rich men I know of. I am an American, first and last, and propose to stand by the flag.

"Party lines will be dropped. As for the stock market, that has got to take care of itself for the present. The ticker is now a secondary consideration. The honor of the government comes first. I speak not only my own views on this point but those of other moneyed men with whom I have talked. Another thing. The families and dependents of every sailor killed on the Maine must be taken care of. That is a bill Spain must be made to settle. If the citizens of this country enlist to defend our flag and all that it means, we are in duty bound to see that their families are provided for if they are killed. With that understood by the people there will be no lack of soldiers or sailors when the need arises. I think the President has been wisely cautious in this matter but I am confident that now he will act promptly in the Maine matter."

CUBAN FILIBUSTERS.

Two Large Expeditions Reported to Have Landed Safely.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

KEY WEST, FLA., February 26.—Nine Cubans who were picked up in a row boat off Bahia Honda (on the north coast of the province of Pinar del Rio), were landed here to-day by the steamer City of Key West. They are the leaders of a big filibustering expedition which has just landed in Cuba. They are General Nunez, Captain John O'Brien, Cartaya, Carillo, Pupluchi and four others.

The Junta's representatives here say that another big expedition has landed safely in Cuba. This is said to be O'Brien's biggest and best expedition. The expedition, which started from near Jacksonville, landed in the provinces of Pinar del Rio and Santiago de Cuba.

THE MONITOR TERROR.

Left Old Point For New York—A Draft of Men For the Amphitrite.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NORFOLK, VA., February 26.—The monitor Terror left Old Point at 5.30 o'clock this afternoon. It is understood that her destination is New York. No secret was made of it, when the orders for sailing arrived to-day. The vessel's departure was witnessed by a great throng, including nearly the whole population of the place.

It is stated that twenty cases, nine of ten-inch projectiles, will be sent from Monroe to-night some time. These will go to New York, it is said.

Mate E. M. Isaacs, U. S. N., of the receiving ship Franklin, left to-night for Port Royal, S. C., in charge of a draft of fifteen men for the monitor Amphitrite, now lying at that port.

U. S. WARSHIPS AT KEY WEST.

Arrival of the Bache With Wounded Sailors and Material From the Maine.

MOVEMENTS OF THE FLEET.

Report From Havana That Consul General Lee Had Been Threatened With Assassination—Considered Impossible to Raise the Maine.

KEY WEST, February 26.—The Detroit, the Nashville, the Montgomery and the Marblehead are at the dock coaling, and the New York and the Iowa are about six miles out. The battleship Texas arrived at the Tortugas this afternoon and will probably remain there. The Detroit will leave on Monday with provisions for the fleet. The torpedo boat Ericsson, now here, will join the fleet to-morrow. The Montgomery, the Marblehead and the Nashville, after coaling, will wait here for orders.

The steamer Mascotte arrived to-night from Havana.

KEY WEST, FLA., February 26.—The United States coast survey steamer Bache arrived here this morning from Havana. She had on board four of the Maine's wounded. Two of them were well enough to walk.

Admiral Sicard to-day explained the departure yesterday of Commander West for Havana. "There is nothing particularly significant about it," he said. Commander West asked my permission to run over to Havana to talk with Captain Sigsbee and the officers of the court of inquiry. Commander West, as chief of my staff, has all the papers in the case, and we keep in close touch with what is going on at Havana."

Regarding the movements of the fleet, Admiral Sicard said: "The boats at Tortugas are doing some target practice; but, the elaborate plan of manœuvres which I had laid out, has had to be postponed pending developments. I brought the New York in here because I wish to be in close and constant communication with the Navy Department."

Referring to the land naval station here, the Admiral remarked: "Only nominal forces are here now. Should anything occur," added Admiral Sicard guardedly, "it would have to be strengthened considerably."

Absolutely nothing is known here regarding the rumored intention to increase the strength of the Key West garrison. No provisions have been made for the accommodation of additional troops at the barracks and there is only room for the two batteries now in quarters.

Several officers who were questioned to-day said no word had been received from the War Department regarding the transfer of troops from Fort McPherson or any other place to Key West.

The United States cruiser Marblehead is in the harbor.

The wounded sailors brought from Havana by the Bache were left by her at the quarantine station at Tortugas. They will stay there about ten days.

After undergoing the proper surveillance, all the men of the Maine will be brought here.

Some fear of fever is expressed by the navy officials here.

The Bache also brought some small arms from the Maine. The survivors here will be put to work for two hours a day, in order to clean the rifles, etc., recovered from the wreck.

A dispatch from Havana says that, despite rumors to the contrary in circulation, nothing is yet known as to the conclusions reached thus far by the court of inquiry.

The dispatch also says that the hoisting of the wreck of the Maine from the mud in which it has become imbedded is considered almost an impossibility and that eighty bodies still remain in the wreck.

A report is current in Havana that United States Consul General Lee has been threatened with assassination, but he is not at all alarmed. Havana is quiet.

Court Leaves for Key West.

HAVANA, February 26.—The court of inquiry was in session to-day but did nothing, simply waiting to see if any new developments resulted from the work of the divers.

The court this afternoon re-examined Captain Sigbsee, Surgeon Heneberger, two divers and Consular Clerk Drain. They then verified the testimony by the stenographer's notes and made preparations for their departure at about 5 o'clock. The Mangrove got under way about half-past five o'clock. Captain Sampson said he had no idea when the court would return here.

It is reported from Spanish sources that Captain Sigsbee and the other officers of the Maine who are here will be called before the admiralty court in Havana next Monday to give testimony regarding the loss of the Maine. This is the usual course, it is said, and has been expected.

The divers will continue work on the wreck next week under the direction of Captain Sigsbee.

WARM WIRELETS.

It is announced that the Spanish cruiser Almirante Oquendo will not go to the United States, the Vizcaya's visit being considered sufficient.

The Stamford Dye Works, Lynchburg, Va., was destroyed by fire at 1 o'clock this (Sunday) morning. Loss $100,000, partly covered by insurance.

George S. Clemenceau and M. Drumont, Paris editors, fought a duel with pistols yesterday. Six shots were exchanged without result. The dispute was brought about by an article on the Zola trial.

General Thomas P. Dockery, was found dead in bed in his room in the Mills House, New York. Among his effects was a note signed "Your daughter Nydia," dated Natchez, Miss. It was through the latter that General Dockery's identity was revealed.

The week in the New York dry goods trade has been satisfactory in the main, with a fairly well sustained business reported at first hands. With jobbers there has been a widening of demand marking the visits of buyers to the local market, which has bettered the general situation to no mean degree.

The weekly bank statement shows the following changes: Surplus, reserve decreased $2,729,125; loans, decreased $5,036,900; specie, increased $2,325,700; legal tenders, decreased $7,418,400; deposits, decreased $9,346,300; circulation, decreased $50,400. The banks now hold $22,959,325 in excess of the requirements of the 25 per cent. rule.

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Dumas.

Alexandre Dumas, or Dumas pere, lived from 1803 to 1870. His literary life began with the play "Henry III," in 1829, and his labors continued to his death, a period of 41 years. The number of novels, plays, poems and literary works of all descriptions produced during this time was enormous, few writers of any country exceeding in quantity the amount credited to this remarkable man.

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